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### This Week's Line Up











Sth Korea 1-2 Australia (Friendly)

Australia captain Lucas Neill was full of praise for his largely inexperienced side that overcame South Korea in a friendly international on Wednesday (Thursday morning AEDT).

Nikita Rukavytsya and Robert Cornthwaite netted their first goals for the national team as Australia came from behind to beat South Korea 2-1 in Hwaseong.

The win was an added bonus for manager Holger Osieck, who named six players in the starting line up with a total of just 34 international caps between them.

As the match wore on, Osieck also handed debuts to emerging talents Aziz Behic, Tom Rogic, Eli Babalj and Matthew

With limited preparation, an inexperienced squad and plenty of nerves pregame, Neill applauded the team's character and attitude as they handed South Korea their first defeat on home soil in more than 27 matches.

"Considering we had two days preparation, lots of new faces and some nerves in the changeroom before the game, I thought it was a fantastic effort," Neill

"Whenever you play a Korean team it is always going to be difficult, they proved to be a great challenge today but the character we showed, given some of the experience we had out there, it was fantastic.

"The attitude has been very good. There is definitely talent in the squad and great credit to the guys, they didn't come out and show too much nerve.

"It was a little bit of a slow start but when we got going everybody took their opportunity, showed that they really wanted to be out there, showed that they warranted a place in the squad.

"And in the end we got what I felt was just

The Al Wasl defender believes Osieck has some welcomed selection headaches ahead of Australia's final four World Cup Qualifying fixtures, starting with Oman in March next year.

"It's also now given the manager some nice selection problems and a really deep squad to chose from," he said.

"It's going to mean players have to be in form at club level to come in and play for

"And because it gives us more options, more competition for places and that can only be a good thing for our campaign.'

Meanwhile, Rogic is keen for more time in and amongst the national side after getting his first taste of senior international football on Wednesday.

The Central Coast Mariners midfielder, one of four debutants, was handed a 22minute cameo, capping off a remarkable rise to fame after winning Nike Football's competition The Chance in 2011.

"It's a childhood dream of mine so to achieve that and do it here tonight, is something special," said the 19-year-old, who has scored two goals in six A-League games this season.

"I'm not getting carried away but like anyone else in the squad tonight, you want to stay part of the team.

"So I'll go back to my club and do everything I can to my put case forward for another call up.'

Meanwhile, Japan have all but sealed their place at the 2014 World Cup after Shinji Okazaki's last-gasp goal handed them a 2-1 win over Oman in their World Cup qualifier on Wednes-

Following a swift counterattack, the striker scored a minute from time to stun Oman in Muscat after the hosts had equalised in the 77th minute.

The win propels Japan to 13 points with three games remaining in Group B, with Australia, Oman and Iraq on five points.

Hiroshi Kiyotake, playing in place of injured Manchester United star Shinji Kagawa, converted Yuto Nagatomo's low cross in the 20th minute to put Japan ahead.

Ahmed Kano's deflected free-kick 13 minutes from time made it 1-1 but Okazaki bobbed up in the right place after Gotoku Sakai's delivery had fallen into his path. Iraq revived their flailing campaign with a much-needed 1-0 win against Jordan in Doha courtesy of Ahmed Hammadi's blistering shot from outside the area four

Iraq are now on five points in Group B after their first win of the qualifying cam-

minutes from full-time.

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# All Nations Cup Kicks Off at Knox

By Norm Edgar

This year's All Nations Tournament commenced last Saturday with good weather and a good turnout of supporters at the newly built Knox Regional Football Centre which is operated by Football Federation Victoria due to maintenance work at Egan Lee Reserve home of Knox City FC. In attendance were representatives of many VPL clubs looking for talent and David Cooper the local Councillor on the Knox City Council.

Scotland, last years winners, this year coached by Frank McGrellis with Stan Webster overseas, started off intent on getting to the final weeks of this years competition getting on the scoreboard within seventeen minutes to lead 1-0 through Wayne Gordon in their game with Romania. However they could not increase their lead despite dominating large periods of the game with no change to the score at full time Somalia made their first ever appearance in the tournament but by half time were behind 2-1 against Albania who scored with goals to Shane Rexhepi in the seventeenth minute and Rene Muriqi in the twentyfifth minute. Sami Nour replied for Somalia. Despite their best efforts neither team could score in the second half.

The third game of the day was a South American derby between Chile and Peru. Chile got on top early with goals from Dean Piemonte in the

ninth and twenty-first minute. Colin Stewart scored in the forty-eighth minute to complete the scoring for Chile with a comfortable3-0 lead on the scoreboard.

Coincidently another derby completed the match program on the first day of competition when Seychelles played Mauritius. Seychelles got to half time leading 2-0 with goals from Johnathan Ash after twentyeight minutes and Grant Lane on thirty-three minutes. Mauritius reduced the lead in the forty-sixth minute through David Schulberg but another goal from Johnathon Ash in the fifty-sixth minute sealed the win for the Seychelles. On Sunday Australia entertained Bosnia in the first game of the day. An even first half finished 1-1 with Adem Alicevic scoring for Australia in the 6th minute and Maxin Soldvyev equalising for Bosnia just before half time. However Bosnia underscored there dominance on the scoreboard by going to a 4-1 lead with a second goal from Alicevic in the 44th minute and two from Elmedin Alehic in the 50th and 55th minute. Australia reduced the arrears when Josh Valadon scored in the 68th minute but Bosnia got home with the win. Italy and Cyprus then played a close affair with Italy 2-1 up at the break after being up 2-0 but Cyprus came roaring back to win 3-2. Italy scored in the 15th minute through Dominic D'Angelo and Johnny Crivelli in the 23rd minute. Cyprus replied immediately in the 25th minute through Mustafa



Matt Evans (Australia) blasts the ball away from Aron Kerza (Bosnia). Photo: JOHN PUNSHON

Alibey and further goals from Kemal Irdem in the 51st and 58 minutes got Cyprus home with the win.

Last years semi-finalists Ireland ran into trouble in their game with Serbia going down 2-1 after leading through a Mark Leech goal in the 9th minute which they maintained until half time. Two second half goals from Milos Lujic in the 48th and 61st minute turned the tables on Ireland and means they will now have to work harder to make this years finals.

The final game of the weekend saw France convincingly beat Portugal 6-2 with five goals in the opening 21 minutes. An even first half saw Portugal make it harder for themselves when France scored from an own goal from Portugal's Andrew Sava in the 6th minute. But Portugal were not to be denied and equalised one minute later with a goal from Kenny Athiu. France then gave themselves some breathing space when Josh Wood scored twice within three minutes in the 14th and 17th minutes to go to a 3-1 lead. Again Portugal came back and within 4 minutes scored their second goal through Pedro Sequeira which gave both teams a chance of winning in the second half. France however imposed themselves to score three second half goals from Kalonzo Kabongo in the 43rd, Alexan-



Milos Lujic shares the joy with Bonel Obradovic after scoring for Serbia. Photo: JOHN PUNSHON

dros Saisanos in the 61st and Andrew Blumgart in the 67th minute to make a great start to this years tournament. The tournament continues next weekend with games on Saturday 17th November beginning at 11.30am at the Knox Regional Football Centre near the corner of Eastlink and High Street Road

Wantirna South. The first game is between Australia and Italy, followed by Albania and Mauritius, then Somalia and Seychelles and the final game of the day between Portugal and Ireland, Results and fixtures can be found on the Knox City FC website at www. knoxcityfc.com.au



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# IAN CROOK STANDS DOWN AS SYDNEY FC HEAD COACH

Ian Crook has stood down as Head Coach of Sydney FC, following the 2-3 home loss to Melbourne Victory last Saturday.

Crook met with Sydney FC Chief Executive Officer Tony Pignata and Football Director Gary Cole on Monday to inform them of his intentions before speaking to the Sky Blues squad.

The affable coach admitted he had been thinking about his position for the last month after feeling role had become a burden, affecting his health and family life.

"I've decided to stand down as Head Coach of Sydney FC,' Crook said. "It's something I've been thinking about for a few weeks now. I love coaching and I love this club but the head coach role is just not for me.

"I always said that if the role started to affect my personally or my family or my ability to sleep at night I would make a



Ian Crook points the way to the exit after handing in his resignation.

change and that was happening so I wanted to do the right thing

"This is a great club and the Head Coach role is a fantastic job but it just wasn't for me. It has been a privilege to coach Sydney FC and I don't regret it for a second but I just felt it was the right thing to allow someone else to take over now so they have time.

The decision shocked Pignata and Cole, who asked Crook to reconsider at the meeting, before the trio addressed the football staff and the playing group.

"It was a shock and it is disappointing, Gary Cole and I tried to talk him out of it this morning but we have to respect Ian's decision and move forward as a club," Pignata said. "Ian is a good coach and a good man and everyone at Sydney FC is convinced he was the right man to coach this club. We respect the fact that he

has decided it was not the right role for him but we want Ian to stay involved at Sydney FC in a development or youth role." Sydney FC assistant coach Steve Corica will take over as a Caretaker Coach for Friday night's clash with Brisbane Roar.

### Punters Back Merrick, Bleiberg & Arnold For SFC Job

Punters are tipping one of Ernie Merrick, Miron Bleiberg or Graham Arnold will become Sydney FC's next coach, with the trio attracting the bulk of money wagered on the market.

Merrick is currently the \$5.00 favourite to take over from Ian Crook and is the best backed option by punters, while Bleiberg is next at \$6.00 and Arnold is at

Current interim coach Steve Corica is priced at \$8.00, with other Australian candidates in the market including John Aloisi (\$15), Phil Stubbins (\$15), Mike Mulvey (\$17) and Frank Farina

"Given his connection to Sydney FC football director Gary Cole, nunters moved quickly to back Ernie Merrick getting what seems to be a poisoned chalice," sportsbet.com.au's Ben Hawes

"Punters also think they will go with an Australian coach, with money coming for Steve Corica at \$8.00 and Frank Farina at the big

Others in the market include Gianluca Vialli (\$15), Vlastimil Petrzela (\$17), Owen Coyle (\$21), Craig Levein (\$21), Ricki Herbert (\$26) and Steve Kean (\$34). Over the last fortnight, Sydney FC have firmed from \$26 into \$8.00 to get the wooden spoon and are out from \$6.50 to \$11 to win the A-League title this season.

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Westfield Matildas Head Coach

Tom Sermanni has announced

squad for the upcoming East

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Matildas depart on 16 Novem-

ber from their home cities for

the EAFF Women's East Asian

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The Squad: Brianna Davey (Mel-

bourne Victory), Mackenzie Arnold

(Canberra United), Caitlin Foord

(Sydney Fc), Ellyse Perry (Sydney

Fc), Clare Polkinghorne (BrisbanE

Roar), Laura Alleway (Brisbane

Roar), Emma Checker (Adelaide

United), Servet Uzunlar (Western

Sydney Wanderers), Stephanie Cat-

ley (Melbourne Victory), Alanna

Kennedy (Sydney Fc), Collette

Mccallum (Perth Glory), Emily

Katrina Gorry (Brisbane Roar),

Van Egmond (Newcastle Jets),

Tameka Butt (Brisbane Roar),

Teigen Allen (Western Sydney

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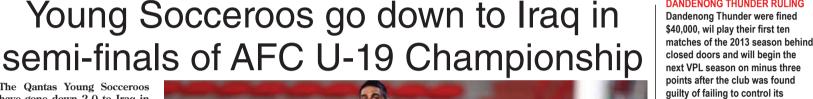
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have gone down 2-0 to Iraq in the semi-finals of the AFC U-19 Championship at the Emirates Stadium in Ras al-Khaimah, United Arab Emirates over-

After a scoreless first half, that had end-to-end action but not real goal scoring opportunities to trouble either goalkeeper, the Qantas Young Socceroos had an opportunity to break the deadlock six minutes into the second half when they were awarded a penalty when Iraqi defender Ali Adnan appeared to handle the ball in the box. Unfortunately for the Qantas Young Socceroos on this occasion, their top goal-scorer from the tournament, Corey Gameiro, was not able to convert his attempt with Iraqi goalkeeper Mohammed Hameed producing a good diving save to his right to keep the scores level.

Iraq broke the deadlock on the hour-mark when Abdulraheem made the most of a cross from Adnan to take the lead..

From then on the Qantas Young Socceroos had to chase the game but found scoring opportunities hard to come by.

The match was sealed in the 85th minute when Abdulraheem lobbed a pass to Kadhim who then went one-on-one with Qantas Young Socceroos goal keeper Paul Izzo, rounded the Australian custodian and slotted home.

Although disappointed with the result, Qantas Young Socceroos Head Coach Paul Okon was proud of what his team had achieved during the tournament.

"It was a tough match this evening and we knew Iraq are a very good team. Iraq showed that this evening and there is no excuses, we just made a few too many mistakes



Young Gun: Corey Gameiro was in scintillating form in front of goal throughout the AFC tournament but a missed penalty in the semi final allowed Iraq to take advantage.

and when you make mistakes like we did this evening you are made to pay," said Okon

"If we had converted the penalty the game could have been different but to the credit of the players they kept fighting to the end.

"I am proud of my players as we set out a goal to qualify for the FIFA U-20 World Cup in Turkey and we achieved this and for that I congratulate them," concluded Okon.

In the other semi-final match Korea Republic defeated Uzbekistan

Iraq will now meet the Korea Republic in the final of the AFC U-19 Championship at the Emirates Stadium, Ras al-Khaimah on Saturday 17 November (Kick-off 4:45pm local, 11:45pm AEDT).

### **Match Details**

Iraq 2 (Mohanad Abdulraheem Karrar 60', Jawad Kadhim Hantoosh 85') **Qantas Young Socceroos 0** Wednesday 14 November 2012 Emirates Stadium, Ras Al-Khaimah, United Arab Emirates Referee: Liu Kwok Man (Hong Kong)

Iraq: 2.Mustafa Nadhim Jari, 3.Ali Adnan Kadhim, 5.Ali Faez Atiyah, 6.Saif Salman Hashim (4.Ammar Kadhim Meteab 90+1'), 9.Ahmed Abbas Hattab 10.Mohammed Jabbar Shawkan Al-Mayyahi (7.Jawad Kadhim Hantoosh 70'), 11.Humam Tareq Faraj , 12.Mohammed Jabbar Arebat, 16.Mohanad Abdulraheem Karrar, 17.Ammar Abdulhussein Ahmed Al-Asadi (19.Mahdi Kamil Shiltagh 82'), 23.Mohammed Hameed Farhan(Gk) (C) Yellow Cards: Saif Salman Hashim 72',

### AFC U19 Semi-Final

MUstafa Nadhim Jari 90+4'

Qantas Young Socceroos: 1.Paul Izzo (Gk), 2. Joshua Brillante 3. Connor Chapman, 4. Curtis Good (C), 5. Corey Brown, 7. Corey Gameiro, 8. Terry Antonis, 11.Ryan Edwards (10.Jamie Maclaren 79'), 14.Ryan Williams (19.Benjamin Garuccio 67'), 16. Jackson Irvine (17. Hayden Morton 58'), 20.Mustafa Amini

Yellow Cards: Jamie Maclaren 90+5'



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2 Adelaide United	6	4	1	1	9	4	5	13
3 Newcastle Jets	6	4	0	2	11	10	1	12
4 Perth Glory	6	3	1	2	8	6	2	10
5 Melbourne Victory	6	3	0	3	10	14	-4	9
6 Melbourne Heart	6	2	1	3	8	8	0	7
7 West Sydney Wanderers	6	2	1	3	4	5	-1	7
8 Sydney FC	6	2	0	4	9	16	-7	6
9 Wellington Phoenix	6	1	2	3	7	9	-2	5
10 Brisbane Roar	6	1	1	4	7	8	-1	4

**ROUND 7** Fri Nov 16 Sat Nov 17 Sat Nov 17 Sun Nov 18 Sun Nov 18

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Richard Garcia

**Josip Tadic** 

Heart

Heart

**Melbourne Victory v Central Coast Mariners Newcastle Jets v Wellington Phoenix** 

Mark Birighitti

Jets

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Wanderers

**Daniel McBreen** 

Mariners

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**Brisbane Roar v Sydney FC** 

**Adelaide United v Melbourne Heart** 

Melbourne Heart v Newcastle Jets

Patrick Gerhardt

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**Dario Vidosic** 

**Andrew Nabbout** 

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# **ROUND 06 RESULTS**

Melbourne Heart 4 (Gerhardt 20, Garcia 63, Tadic 71p, Williams 74)

Brisbane Roar 1 (Henrique 82) 5466 @ AAMI Park

Western Sydney Wanderers 1 (Gibbs 14)

Newcastle Jets 2 (Griffiths 27, Heskey 36) Crowd: 9,011 @Parramatta Stadium

Sydney FC 2 (Yau 14', Boss-

chaart 48') Melbourne Victory 3 (Nabbout 75', 88' Thompson 83') Crowd: 21,531 at Allianz Stadium

**Wellington Phoenix 0 Central Coast Mariners 1** 

(McBreen 69) Crowd: 6,568 @ Westpac Stadium

Adelaide United 1 (Vidosic 49) Perth Glory 1 (Mehmet 43) Crowd: 9,212 @Hindmarsh Stadium

5 - Emile HESKEY (Jets) **Daniel McBREEN (Mari**ners)

4 - Marco ROJAS (Victory) Dario VIDOSIC (Adelaide U)

3 - Besart BERISHA (Roar) Alessandro DEL PIERO (SFC) Stein HUYSEGEMS (Phoenix) Jeronimo Neumann (AUFC) **Billy MEHMET (Glory)** 

2 - Ryan GRIFFITHS (Jets) Mark BRIDGE (Wanderers) Jeremy BROCKIE (Phoenix)

**Compiled by Steven Talevski** 



Emile Heskey (pictured) and Daniel McBreen can do no wrong in front of goal and lead the way on the scoring charts.

# **A-LEAGUE TEAM OF THE WEEK ROUND**

GK: Mark Birighitti - The goalkeeper's third appearance in Goal! Weekly's team of the week comes after another outstanding performance between the sticks away to Western Sydney.

RB: Scott Neville - Neville played his best game for the Jets after signing from Perth as he helped his side to an impressive victory away to the Wanderers.

**CB:** Trent Sainsbury – The youngster has filled the boots of former captain Alex Wilkinson in defence for the Mariners and hasn't disappointed as he helped his side to a rare clean sheet away in Wellington for a

CB: Patrick Gerhardt - Touted as a holding midfielder, Gerhardt has played in the centre of defence for the Heart this season. Gerhardt had a terrific game holding out the Brisbane attack while also getting on the scoresheet as well.

LB: Adama Traore – Non-stop attacking runs by Traore has led him to become one of the most exciting full backs in the league. Traore was the outstanding for the Victory in their comeback win in the Big Blue.

RCM: Richard Garcia - Garcia was superb for the Heart against the Roar as he scored a goal and won a penalty while also being involved in a number of attacking plays.

CM: Shinji Ono - The former Japanese international

was fantastic for the Wanderers with his best moment for the club so far coming this weekend when he connected well with Joey Gibbs for their sole goal.

LCM: Dario Vidosic - Another week, another goal for Adelaide's number ten. Vidosic's movement on and off the ball led to many of Adelaide's attacks as his Socceroos credentials continue to grow.

RW: Josip Tadic - The Croatian import had his best game for the Heart as he was a constant attacking threat which led him to score Melbourne's penalty along with being involved in Richard Garcia's goal.

ST: Daniel McBreen - McBreen makes the team of the week for the second round in a row as his sole goal in Wellington handed the Mariners a rare win at one of the hardest places to visit. Playing as a single striker upfront, McBreen looked to threaten the goal as much as he can.

LW: Andre Nabbout - The Victorian Premier League product shocked the Sydney crowd with two goals after coming on late in the second half in the Victory's great comeback.

Coach: Graham Arnold – Westpac Stadium may be the hardest place to travel to in the A-League, however Arnold was able to manage his team to a one nil victory in Wellington. Arnold laid out his team defensively strong which saw them keep the Phoenix goalless as Daniel McBreen slotted in the game's winner from a sublime Tom Rogic pass.

### Star Man **Andrew Nabbout** Melbourne Victory



Although being a substitute this week, it is hard to go past Nabbout after his impact off the bench in the Big Blue. Nabbout's double consisted of a fantastic left foot curling shot followed by a powerful header. Nabbout's willingness to attack should not be a surprise for Victorian Premier League fans as the youngster was a standout for both relegated Heidelberg United and Moreland Zebras this season.

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### **Match Details**

Melbourne Heart 4 (Patrick Gerhardt 21', Richard Garcia 62, Josip Tadic 71, David Williams 74) Brisbane Roar 1 (Henrique 82') Venue: AAMI Park Referee: Shaun Evans Attendance: 5,466

Melbourne Heart: 1. Clint Bolton, 2. Michael Marrone, 4. Simon Colosimo, 6. Patrick Gerhardt, 8. Matthew Thompson (24. Sam Mitchinson 90+2'), 10. Josip Tadic (9. Dylan Macallister 82'),11. Richard Garcia 16. Aziz Behich, 17. Jason Hoffman, 22. Nick Kalmar (15. David Williams 61'), 23. Mate Dugandzic,

Unused substitute: 20. Andrew

Yellow cards: Patrick Gerhardt 38', Jason Hoffman 49', Simon Colosimo 76' Red cards: Nil

Brisbane Roar: 1. Michael Theo, 2. Matt Smith, 3. Shane Stefanutto (19. Jack Hingert 83'), 4. Matt Jurman, 5. Ivan Franjic, 6. Erik Paartalu, 8. Massimo Murdocca (18 Luke Brattan 65'), 10. Henrique, 11. Ben Halloran, 17. Mitch Nichols (24. Nick Fitzgerald 69'), 22. Thomas

Unused substitute: 20. Matt Acton

Yellow cards: Matthew Jurman 10', Matt Smith 61 Red cards: Nil.

# **Heart send Roar crashing to the bottom**

By Roy Hay

played heart', said Roar coach Rado Vidosic, after his team was taken apart in a twelve-minute spell in the second half of the match with Melbourne Heart at AAMI Park on Friday. In that time Heart scored three times to turn a precarious onenil lead into a drubbing.

Yet prior to that phase Brisbane had pinned Heart back in its own half, dominating possession for long spells, yet not managing to break through to equalise. Things might conceivably have turned out otherwise had Henrique been credited with a goal in the 40th minute of the first half. Mitch Nicholls pursued a ball to the byeline and squeezed it past Clint Bolton for Henrique to knock it into the net. Replays suggested the whole of the ball might not have crossed the line before Nicholls sent it goalwards, but the camera angle which would have settled the matter-either along the goal line or from overhead-was not available. The assistant referee was in good position to judge close to the corner-flag and his decision stood.

Heart was without inspirational skipper Fred and Jason Hoffman came into midfield while Nick Kalmar was asked to play wide on the left in the place of Ben Garuccio, who is on duty with the Young Socceroos as is David Vrankovic. Fred was keen to play but the club would not risk his hamstring this week. Vince Grella will have a couple of games in the youth team and then see if he is ready for first team football.

Brisbane were without Besart Berisha whose mystery injury or illness has still not been diagnosed. The early exchanges were quite even and bth sides had chances to score. Josip Tadic played in



David Williams completes the Roar route with the fourth goal past the visitng champs. Photo: ANITA MILAS

Mate Dugandzic after eight minutes but the Brisbane keeper Michael Theo was alert to break and sprinted off his line to block the winger's effort at the expense of corner kick. Brisbane's passing game took the ball through the Heart midfield, with Thomas Broich, Mitch Nicholls and Massimo Murdocca prominent, but neither side could turn chances into goal until the 20th minute. Heart came down the right and Josip Tadic released Mate Dugandzic whose cross was turned in at the near post by defender Patrick Ger-

hardt, wiping out the memory of his own goal last week. Brisbane nearly got on terms in 31 minutes as Erik Paartalu shot narrowly wide after some excellent build up work. Then came the Henrique disallowed effort and so the interval came with Heart still a goal to the good.

The first fifteen minutes of the second half was all Brisbane and Heart players could do little more than block the runs and kick the ball clear. It was usually returned pretty rapidly by the Roar, but they could not buy a goal.

Nick Kalmar was withdrawn in

the 61st minute and David Williams took his place for Heart. Josip Tadic then tried an overhead kick which just flew wide as Heart began to come back into the match. Tadic put Richard Garcia through on goal and the Socceroo clipped the ball past Michael Theo in the 62nd minute. Garcia was involved again eight minutes later as he was brought down by Matthew Jurman as he tried to cut across the penalty box. Jurman had been booked in the first half and was lucky to stay on the field, but Tadic stepped up and buried the penalty kick. Brisbane mounted a series of attacks trying to get something out of a game which had got away from them, but Heart rebounded after a Brisbane free kick by Thomas Broich as hacked clear. Aziz Behich chased down the loose ball out on the left wing. He caught it just inside the touchline and quickly sent David Williams clear. Williams emphatic shot flew past Theo into the far

Broich fed Ivan Franjic on the right and he crossed for Henrique to score a consolation goal for the visitors, but that hardly dampened the Heart's fans celebrations



Matt Thompson is all smiles after Josip Tadic scores from the penalty spot. Photo: ANITA MILAS



Roar captain matt Smith sends Richard Garcia (Heart) flying. Photo: ANITA MILAS







### **Match Details**

Western Sydney Wanderers 1 (Gibbs 14') Newcastle Jets 2 (Griffiths 27, Heskey 36)

Crowd: 9,011 Venue: Parramatta Stadium

Wanderers: 1.A.Covic, 3.A.D'Apuzzo, 4.N.Topor-Stanley, 6.J.Polenz, 8.M.Poljak (Cole 46'), 10.A.Mooy, 13.J.Gibbs (Kresinger 63'), 17.Y.Hersi (Minniecon 74'), 18.I.La Rocca, 19.M.Bridge, 21.S.Ono.

Yelolow Cards: Poljak 26'. Red Cards: None

Jets: 20.M.Birighitti, 2.S.Neville, 3.T.Calvano, 4.J.Mitchell, 5.D.Ritter, 7.J.Brown (Pepper 83'), 8.R.Zadkovich, 9.E.Heskey, 15.C.Goodwin (Virgili 63'), 16.J.Wheelhouse, 23.R.Griffiths.

Yellow Cards: Griffiths 37', Zadkovish 47', Calvano 66', Pepper 83', Ritter 88'

Red Cards: Pepper 88'.

# **Jets hold firm to frustrate Wanderers**

By FFA

Newcastle Jets claimed a come-from-behind 2-1 victory over Western Sydney Wanderers in an actionpacked encounter at Parramatta Stadium.

In front of 9,011 boisterous fans, the home side hit the front early when Shinji Ono set up Joey Gibbs in the 14th minute.

The visitors answered with goals to Ryan Griffiths and marquee man Emile Heskey to hold a one-goal buffer at the break.

The Wanderers threw everything at the Jets in a fiercely contested second stanza but Mark Birighitti was a standout, saving four genuine shots on goal to deny Tony Popovic's

Newcastle finished the match with 10-men after Jacob Pepper was issued a red card for a heavy challenge on Ono in the 90th minute, but the Jets survived a tense finish to consolidate their position in the top four.

It was a brave effort from the Wanderers, though, who lost skipper Michael Beauchamp through illness on game day.

But the brilliance of Ono wasn't enough to get the competition newcomers over the line.

The Japanese superstar made up for an early miss when he delivered the final pass for Gibbs to score the opening goal of the contest 14 minutes in.

Hersi and Ono worked a clever give-and-go on the edge of the box to send Ono in behind the



upset to say the least. Photo: CRAIG GOLDING/GETTY IMAGES

lets defence.

The Japanese legend delivered a classy cross for Gibbs who made no mistake from pointblank range to send the home fans into a frenzy.

The Jets hit back through Griffiths on the half-hour.

James Brown played the ball wide to Scott Neville who delivered a dangerous cross to Griffiths and Heskey on the edge of the six-yard box.

Griffiths beat his teammate to

the ball and kissed a glancing header off the inside of the far post to beat Covic and draw level.

Heskey continued a prolific start to his Hyundai A-League career in the 36th minute as he gave the visitors their first lead of the contest.

The big striker muscled his way into the box and flicked a clever cross from Craig Goodwin at the target with the outside of his right boot.

Covic got his hands to the ball but was unable to take it cleanly, giving Heskey his fifth goal in six matches this season. Former Jet Mark Bridge

pleaded for a penalty late in the half after a heavy challenge from Josh Mitchell, but referee Brenton Hayward waved play on to send the visitors into the rooms with a one-goal buffer.

The Wanderers had the better of the opening minutes of the first half and were unlucky not to equalise when Gibbs sent a thunderous shot just wide of the right post in the 57th min-

Gibbs looked certain to score three minutes later when he was left unmarked deep in the penalty box, but Birighitti made a crucial save from pointblank range.

He saved the day again in the 70th minute when he denied also Ono from a one-on-one.



Boy Wonder: Joseph Gibbs (centre) celebrates his goal with fellow Wanderers Aaron Mmoy and Shinji Ono. Photo: CRAIG GOLDING/GETTY IMAGES



Dominik Ritter manages to get his head to the ball in a crowded area. Photo: CRAIG GOLDING/GETTY IMAGES

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### **Match Details**

Sydney FC 2 (Yau 14', Bosschaart

Melbourne Victory 3 (Nabbout 75', 88' Thompson 83') Crowd: 21,531 at Allianz Stadium

Sydney FC: 1.I.Necevski, 2.S.Ryall, 3.F.Alves, 4.P.Bosschaart, 7.B.Emerton, 9.P.Reid, 10.A.Del Piero (Mallia 65'), 12.B.Powell (Mc-Clenahan 82'), 21.Y.Yau (McFlynn 72'), 22.A.Abbas, 23.R.Grant.

Yellow cards: Ryall 54', Reid 41'. Red cards: None

Melbourne Victory: 39.N.Coe, 3.A.Troare, 4.P.Franjic (Nabbout 68'), 5.M.Milligan, 7.G.Finkler (Broxham 90'), 9.M.Flores, 10.A.Thompson, 11.M.Rojas (Bru 90'), 13.D.Ferreira, 14.B.Celeski, 23.A.Leijer.

Yellow cards: Milligan 11', Finkler 82', Ferreira 60', Velaphi 90'. Red cards: None

# Nabbout snatches Victory from jaws of defeat

By Gordon Bennett

Melbourne Victory have come from two goals down to defeat Sydney FC 3-2 in the 'Big Blue' at Allianz Stadium on Saturday

Substitute Andrew Nabbout was the hero for Victory, with the 19-year-old bobbing up with two minutes remaining in the match to head home his second goal of the night and the winner for Ange Postecoglou's side.

Postecoglou must take some credit for the triumph though, with his move to introduce Nabbout into the game with 23 minutes remaining proving to be a masterstroke.

The youngster scored with a superb strike in the 78th minute to make it 2-1, before Archie Thompson levelled proceedings with his eighth goal against Sydney FC by prodding home Mark Milligan's powerful header.

Then Nabbout was in the right spot at the right time as Victory sealed the three points and moved up to fifth place on the Hyundai A-League table.

Victory fell behind 2-0 early in the second half when Pascal Bosschaart scored his first goal for Sydney FC to add to Yairo Yau's 14th-minute strike, but Postecoglou's side were not to be denied.

They dominated possession (60 percent to 40), won the corner count 15-2 and scored the goals when it mattered to prove that the final result was fully deserved.

Victory had the first chance of the night, with Marco Rojas unable to add to his two-goal haul from Monday night against Wellington when he was put in by Guilherme Finkler after 12 minutes.

Sydney broke quickly from that chance and had the first goal of the night through Yau.



Super-sub Andrew Nabbout bursts onto the A-League scene and turns the game on its head. Photo: GEOFF JONES

The home side strung together a few passes in midfield, before Alessandro Del Piero found Blake Powell with an exquisite ball on the left wing.

The youngster then produced a cross past a ball-watching Victory defence for Yau to poke home.

That sparked Victory into action, with Adama Traore causing Sydney's defence plenty of problems down the left and Rojas starting to see some ball of his own out

Finkler tried his luck from distance just after the half-hour mark

and Victory continued to enjoy plenty of possession in promising positions as the half wore on.

Milligan had his header tipped wide by Ivan Necevski on the stroke of half-time and the break came just at the right time for Sydney given the visitors' dominance.

But Sydney doubled their advantage moments into the second half and it came through the unlikely source of Bosschaart.

Del Piero whipped in a cross from the left and the big Dutchman volleyed home his first goal for the

club after a goal-mouth scramble. Victory came back yet again, with Finkler going close from straight in front and then Necevski denied Rojas with another fingertip save. Postecoglou introduced Nabbout with 23 minutes remaining in the clash and the move almost paid

The ball fell to the Victory youngster just outside the six-vard box. but veteran midfielder Paul Reid was on hand to block the attempt.

But Nabbout got his goal moments later and it was pure class from the midfielder.

off immediately.

He picked up the ball on the right, moved in on his left inside Reid and curled a shot that went past Necevski and in off the left hand upright.

Victory continued to press and when Thompson flicked on Milligan's header with seven minutes remaining it was suddenly tied up

Nabbout then completed his brace moments later and sent the travelling supporters into raptures as Victory picked up their third win of the campaign.



Paul Bosschaart puts the Sky Blues in pole position, but little did we know what was to unfold shortly afterwards. Photo: GEOFF JONES



Mark Milligan (Victory) is amused at Mitch Malia's attempt to ruffle some feathers. Photo: GEOFF JONES





























# McBreen Continues Scoring Streak To Sink Phoenix

# **Wellington Phoenix**

CC Mariners



### **Match Details**

Wellington Phoenix 0 **Central Coast Mariners 1** (McBreen 68') Westpac Stadium, Wellington Attendance: 6,568 Referee: Lucien Laverdure

Wellington Phoenix: 1. Mark Paston (Gk), 2. Manny Muscat, 3. Tony Lochhead (17. Vince Lia 73'), 6. Alexander Smith, 7. Leo Bertos, 8. Paul Ifill (12. Tyler Boyd 86'), 10. Stein Huysegems (9. Benjamin Totori 72'), 11. Jeremy Brockie, 16. Louis Fenton, 18. Ben Sigmund, 22. Andrew Durante (c)

Substitutes not used: 20. Glen Moss (Gk)

Yellow cards: Sigmund 59', Muscat

Red cards: Nil

Central Coast Mariners: 1. Mathew Ryan (Gk), 2. Daniel McBreen, 3. Joshua Rose, 4. Pedj Bojic, 6. Patrick Zwaanswijk, 7. John Hutchinson (c), 10. Tomas Rogic (12. Troy Hearfield 88'), 14. Michael McGlinchey, 16. Trent Sainsbury, 18. Nick Montgomery, 21. Mile Sterjovski (9. Bernie Ibini

Substitutes not used: 20. Justin Pasfield (Gk), 5. Zachary Anderson

Yellow cards: Ibini 80' Red cards: Nil

By Joe Gallagher

Daniel McBreen's second half strike has ensured Central Coast Mariners have now won three games in a row, and consigned Wellington Phoenix, who now sit second-bottom, to triple losses.

The 1-0 result now means Central Coast have won six straight against Wellington, and was - worryingly met by boos at the final whistle.

Phoenix coach Ricki Herbert couldn't be too displeased with the final result - his side's endeavour had appeared to have run dry by the 69th minute winner came from a red-hot McBreen. Instead, his side's response to conceding what turned out to be the winner will be very much a cause for concern.

The only change to his side from last week's thrashing at the hands of Melbourne Victory was to bring back incumbent centre-back Ben Sigmund from suspension. Unsurprisingly, Graham Arnold's lineup was unchanged after the 7-2 mauling of Sydney FC a week earlier.

As has often been the case this season, Wellington started positively but failed to create many giltedged chances. The threat of newly named Socceroo Tom Rogic was nullified well by Manny Muscat for the first half hour, and the Phoenix were at ease in possession.

Jeremy Brockie and Stein Huysegems placed the Mariners' defence under constant pressure, but despite the occasional half-chance to Louis Fenton and Huvsegems, Wellington were having trouble getting in behind Patrick Zwaanswijk and Pedi Bojic at the back for Arnold.

The first chance of note came just before the half-hour, and what a chance it was. Zwaanswiik's 60 metre pass fell right at the feet of Mile Steriovski, who turned inside Andrew Durante with ease. His finish did not live up to the delivery, however, as he stumbled and poked the ball well wide of Mark Paston's goal.

Moments later it was Manny Muscat - not renowned for his goalscoring – sending a 20 metre drive wide

But for their dominance, the Phoenix nearly gifted the visitors a goal with five minutes to play in the first half. Paston's fluffed clearance almost fell perfectly for McBreen. but for the covering tackle of Durante.

In arguably the best chance of the match, Wellington ought to have taken the lead with a minute until the interval. Alex Smith robbed Michael McGlinchey in midfield before turning and threading a pass to Huysegems. The Belgian - in rich goalscoring form this season - fired his one-on-one effort well over the bar.

The chance summed up the Phoenix's evening, and it was their last genuine opportunity of the match. As the Mariners turned up the heat, five minutes into the second half they should have had the lead. McBreen's surging run into the box eventually found Rogic in space in the penalty area, whose finish, like Huysegems', left much to be desired.

Rogic was at the heart of Central Coast's attack again on the hour mark, turning past Sigmund and evading his challenge to force a very good save out of Paston. Sigmund - having just returned from suspension - was booked for holding back the midfielder, and could have counted himself lucky to stay on the park. As the rebound eventually found its way to McBreen. the striker missed almost a carbon copy of Rogic's earlier chance. firing over the bar from twelve yards.

But last week's hat trick hero wasn't to be denied ten minutes later. As Rogic again evaded Durante and slipped the ball through, McBreen made no mistake. It was just reward for the great work of Rogic, who had excelled in the second half especially.

After falling behind Wellington seemed to run out of ideas - mirrored by a few curious tactical substitutions by Herbert. Benjamin Totori and Vince Lia were introduced, but neither made a lasting impression on the game.

And for the final twenty minutes. the crowd of 6000 were given very little reason to believe that the



Alex Smith (Phoenix) manages to get his flick in front of Patrick Zwaanswijk (CCM). Photo: PETER McDONALD

Phoenix were capable of coming back from the deficit. The final whistle, met by jeers and boos from the Yellow Fever, will have Herbert very worried indeed.

Given their road to redemption doesn't get easier - a two week road trip to Newcastle and Perth to come - they may be very lucky to

draw a similar crowd for their next outing in Wellington.

The win temporarily moved Central Coast to the top of the table, ahead of a trip to Melbourne to face the Heart. Graham Arnold will be thrilled with the result and especially the performance of his back four and Rogic - who appeared thoroughly deserving of his midweek inclusion into the national

But it was a second straight game for the Phoenix from which very few positives can be drawn. It may signal the start of a very tough few weeks for the New Zealand side.



Louis Fenton is stopped in his tracks by the ever-present Patrick Zwaanswijk. Photo: PETER McDONALD



Central Coast keeper Matthew Ryan shows a clean pair of gloves to collect and relieve the danger. Photo: PETER McDONALD



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### **Adelaide United**





### **Match Details**

Adelaide United FC 1 (Vidosic 49') Perth Glory 1 (Mehmet 43') Referee: Peter O'Leary Crowd: 9,212 @ Hindmarsh Stadium

Adelaide United: 1.Eugene Galekovic (gk) (c), 2.Osama Malik (14.Cameron Watson 78'), 3.Nigel Boogaard, 5.lain Fyfe, 6.Cassio, 8.Marcelo Carrusca, 10.Dario Vidosio 16.Daniel Bowles, 21.Jeronimo Neumann, 22. Fabio Ferreira (11. Bruce Djite 64'), 23.Evan Kostopoulos (17. lain Ramsay 81')

Substitutes not used: 30.John HALL (gk) Yellow Cards: Nil

Red Cards: Nil

Perth Glory: 1.Danny Vukovic (gk), 3.Bas van den Brink, 4.Billy Mehmet 6.Nick Ward, 8.Dean Heffernan (9.Shane Smeltz 69'), 10.Liam Miller 13.Travis Dodd (c) (17.Chris Harold 85'), 14.Steven McGarry (5.Steve Pantelidis 89'), 19. Josh Risdon, 21.Scott Jamieson, 23.Michael

Substitutes not used: 30.Lewis Italiano (gk) Yellow Cards: Thwaite 35', van den Brink 74', Ward 87', Jamieson 90+1'

Red Cards: Nil

# **Spoils shared on Remembrance Day**

By Nic Kerber

Adelaide United FC has been forced to share a point with Perth Glory as the Remembrance Day clash ended 1-1.

Dario Vidosic's 49th minute strike, his fourth goal of the season, cancelled out Billy Mehmet's opener which had given the Glory the lead just before half time.

Both sides had chances to take all three points as the home side finished the stronger on a very warm Adelaide afternoon, but it was not to be as the Reds recorded their first draw of the season to leave them second on goal difference behind the Central Coast Mariners after six rounds.

A moving Remembrance Ceremony prior to kick-off gave the match a finals type feel, with the game's first serious chance coming after 14 minutes when former Reds star Travis Dodd found himself clear down the right, but the stand in Glory captain could not control his pass intended for Mehmet.

The Reds almost countered immediately when Fabio Ferreira went on his own mazy run but the opportunity was lost as he failed to see a free Jeronimo Neumann charging down the channel towards the penalty area.

Adelaide United's next chance again came shortly after a Glory opportunity at the other end, this time Neumann's dangerous cross from the left diffused by a timely Scott Jamieson interception as Ferreira lurked.

When Vidosic found himself with just Danny Vukovic to beat in the 33rd minute, most would have banked on the in from goal scorer to break the deadlock but his hurried strike was comfortably dealt with by the Perth keeper.

Michael Thwaite went into the referee's book for a crude challenge on Marcelo Carrusca as the Argentine came in for some physical treatment. the pressure from the home side building as Osama Malik was the next to come close but he could not direct his header from a Vidosic corner on target.



Perth Glory gain the early ascendency after Billy Mehmet (centre) opened the scoring for the visitors. Photo: ADAM BUTLER

Then in the 43rd minute Perth broke through United's defences, Liam Miller and Dean Heffernan combining to present Mehmet with a simple finish from close range to leave the home side with a half time deficit.

However, it only took three minutes after the interval for parity to be restored as Marcelo Carrusca slid a sublime ball through for Vidosic and this time the Reds' number 10 made no mistake.

The intriguing duel between former team mates Dodd and Cassio continued on Perth's right hand side, another former Red Scott Jamieson then trying to get in on the act as he forced a save from Eugene Galekovic on the hour mark.

Luck was then on the Reds' side as Nick Ward rattled the bar from a Jamieson corner in the 65th minute that Galekovic knew little about, fortunately the ball managing to find its way into the keeper's gloves with no

Bruce Djite tried to make an immediate impact when he came off the bench, pulling the trigger from 12 metres but the Perth defence blocked the effort.

Glory substitute Shane Smeltz tested Galekovic before Nuemann bought the best out of Vukovic as the Reds went in search of a winner.

Dodd spooned a shot over the bar to let United off the hook, the Reds then turning up the heat in the final ten minutes but they could not snatch all three points. In his assessment, Reds Coach John

Kosmina admitted it was a game either side could have come out vic-

"Given the conditions, which I think probably affected us more than we maybe figured they would, it wasn't too bad," Kosmina said.

"We did well in the first half, made a couple of really good chances and didn't really let Perth in, then we dropped off for 10 minutes before the end of the half and Perth are the sort of team where unless you keep ticking over and you're constant, when you give them a sniff they'll get on top of you and they did that."

"But credit to our blokes, they came back in the second half and did really

Kosmina also explained his decision to start with Carrusca, Vidosic and Neumann in attack, leaving Sergio van Dijk the unlucky one to miss out.

"With Serge, we looked at how we can play Jeronimo, Marcelo and Dario together. We wanted to play with two tens and you've got to agree when we did it properly it worked quite well," Kosmina said.

"If you play with two tens you've got to leave Jeronimo out if you want to play with a hustle bustle type striker, but he's always good for a chance so that's what we looked at."

"We might start Serge next week, we



Eugene Galekovic is at a stretch to fist the ball away from the penalty area. Photo: ADAM BUTLER



Scott Jamieson (Glory) tries to block Fabio Ferreira's (AUFC) cross, whilst Perth keeper Danny Vukovic stands at the ready. Photo: ADAM BUTLER



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By Jarrod Ellis

League's two



### **Roar Line Up**

- 1. Michael Theo (GK)
- 2. Matt Smith (capt.)
  3. Shane Stefanutto
  4. Matt Jurman

- 5. Ivan Franjic
- 6. Erik Paartalu

- 8. Massimo Murdocca
- 11. Ben Halloran
- 13. Yuji Takahashi

- 18. Luke Brattan
- 19. Jack Hingert
- 20. Matt Acton (GK) 22. Thomas Broich
- 24. Nick Fitzgerald (four to be omitted)

Ins: Rocky Visconte (promoted), Do Dong-Hyun (promoted), Besart Berisha (returns from injury), 13. Yuji

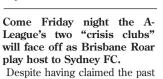
Takahashi (promoted)

Outs: Nil

Unavailable: Nil

## Brisbane Roar v Sydney FC

Fri Nov 16 Suncorp Stadium 8:00pm



two A-League crowns Brisbane now sits at the bottom of the A-League ladder having won only one of their opening six matches this season.

Sydney have fared only marginally better, collecting two wins whilst drawing some scathing criticisms, most noticeably after their losses to Central Coast Mariners and Wellington Phoenix.

A 5-0 demolition of Melbourne Victory aside the Roar have found it difficult to score goals this season and last week's 4-1 loss to Melbourne Heart only served to highlight what appear to be growing defensive frailties.

Star striker Besart Berisha missed the embarrassing loss with an abdominal injury and has remained under an injury cloud this week. Berisha reportedly trained during the week with the help of cortisone injections but it's no sure thing that he'll line-up against Sydney FC on match day. Berisha isn't the only injury concern for the Roar, keeper Michael Theo suffered a calf strain in the match against Melbourne Heart that kept him out of training on Monday, whilst speculation that club captain Matt Smith is car-



rying an injury abounds despite denials from the club.

Sydney have had their own issues this season, an extensive injury list, poor performances and a head coach ill-suited to his position, a concoction of problems that has seen the club take only six-points from six games.

One of those problems has of course now been addressed. Ian Crook having tendered his resignation last Sunday morning.

For now Cook's assistant Steve Corica is the man at the tiller for Sydney, the club's board indicating during the week that they intend to take their time and find the right man for the job.

Corica will at least be comfortable in the knowledge that Alessandro Del Piero is set to take to the pitch against Brisbane.

Del Piero's influence on the team appears increasingly farreaching; the Italian missed the 7-2 loss to Central Coast Mariners in Round 5 and left the field on Saturday night with Sydney up 2-0 against Melbourne, only to watch them slide to a 3-2 defeat.

Those kinds of results can't be ignored, however with the Italian maestro in the twilight of his career he won't always be able to play the full 90 minutes and Sydney will need to adapt to that The rest of Sydney's players need to step up their game, the return of Pascal Bosschart in defence was an obvious boost last weekend and there is speculation that the match against Brisbane could be the first appearance of Jason Culina in a Sydney FC shirt.

Culina tormented Brisbane during his days with Gold Coast United and he should bring a cultured touch to the Sydney midfield that has been sorely lacking of late. Whether that will be enough to push Sydney to a win on Friday night remains to be seen.

**Kiss of Death** 



### **Sydney FC Line Up**

- Ivan Necevski (gk)
   Sebastian Ryall
   Fabio
   A Pascal Bosschaart

- 7. Brett Emerton 9. Paul Reid

- 10. Alessandro Del Piero 12. Blake Powell 15. Terry McFlynn 16. Joel Chianese 18. Trent McClenahan

- 19. Kruno Lovrek 20. Vedran Janjetovic (gk) 21. Yairo Yau
- 22. Ali Abbas 23. Rhyan Grant
- (one to be omitted)

Ins: Joel Chianese (returns from injury), Kruno Lovrek (promoted)

Outs: Mitch Mallia (rested)

Unavailable: 6. Jason Culina, 17. Terry Antonis (International duty Qantas Young Socceroos)

### Adelaide Utd Line Up

1.Eugene Galekovic (gk) (c) 2.Osama Malik 3.Nigel Boogaard 5.lain Fyfe 6.Cassio 8.Marcelo Carrusca

- 9.Sergio van Dijk 10.Dario Vidosic
- 11.Bruce Djite 12.Antony Golec
- 14.Cameron Watson
- 16.Daniel Bowles
- 17.lain Ramsay
  21.Jeronimo Neumann
  22.Fabio Ferreira
  23.Evan Kostopoulos
  30.John Hall (gk)
  (Two to be omitted)

Ins: Sergio van Dijk (promoted), Antony Golec (returns from injury)

Outs: Nil

Unavailable: Jon McKain (leg – under review), Paul Izzo (g (International duty - Qantas Young Socceroos) under review), Paul Izzo (gk)

## Adelaide United v Melbourne Heart

Sat Nov 17 Hindmarsh Stdm 5:30pm

John Kosmina's side extended their unbeaten run to three games following a hardfought 1-1 draw upon Travis Dodd's return to Adelaide with Perth Glory, while Heart proved they are a force to be reckoned with after dismantling defending champions Brisbane Roar 4-1.

Adelaide, however, go into the clash full of confidence having lost just once in six previous meetings against the Heart, although the club's only defeat came on home soil during their debut season less than two years

John Aloisi has already warned rival teams there is plenty more to come from his Heart troops but history suggests another United win is on the cards.

The big issue

By FFA

Adelaide United: Will Kosmina opt against a recognised striker for the third time this season? As was the case against Melbourne Victory in Round 3, Adelaide left Sergio van Dijk and Bruce Djite out of the squad to face Perth in favour of Jeronimo Neumann, Marcelo Carrusca and Dario Vidosic, a front three combination that has scored seven of the Reds' nine goals this season.

Kosmina has also hinted at a



possible return for van Dijk and given his record of four goals in five appearances against Heart, a call up could be on the cards.

Melbourne Heart: The Heart have not won back-to-back games since February 26, when they beat the now defunct Gold Coast United and Central Coast Mariners in successive weeks. Since then, the red and white of Melbourne have won just 2 of their past 11 Hyundai A-League games, including last Friday's demolition of Brisbane. Instrumental in that victory was

Nick Kalmar, who made his first

start of the season. The Victorian Premier League product offered an alternative to midfielders Matt Thompson and Richard Garcia with his penetrating runs from box-to-box and passing, but whether he takes to the field from minute one against Adelaide remains to be seen. Gamebreaker

Whether it is with his head or from a free-kick, Dario Vidosic can do it all. The fleet-footed creative midfielder has four goals in six games for the Reds this season, which has ignited calls of a return to the Socceroos setup.

Adelaide could take sole possession of top spot if results go their way and they just might if they score the opening goal. After netting first in season

eight, the Reds have taking nine points out of a possible nine, while Heart have lost all three games when they've conceded first. Aloisi's charges won't be short of belief but the Vidosic and home factor should be enough to get Adelaide over the line.

**Kiss of Death** Adelaide 3-2 Heart **HEART** 



### **Heart Line Up**

- 1. Clint Bolton (GK)
- Michael Marrone
- 4. Simon Colosimo 6. Patrick Gerhardt
- 8. Matthew Thompson
- Dylan Macallister
   Josip Tadic
   Richard Garcia
- 15. David Williams 16. Aziz Behich
- 17. Jason Hoffman
- 20. Andrew Redmayne (GK) 22. Nick Kalmar 23. Mate Dugandzic 24. Sam Mitchinson

Outs: 5. FRED (c) (hamstring – one week), 13. Jonatan Germano (Fitness – undisclosed), 14. Golgol Mebrahtu, 21. Steven Gray (knee – one week) 18. David Vrankovic (International duty - Qantas Young Socceroos), 19. Ben Garuccio (International duty – Qantas Young Socceroos)

Unavailable: 31. Vince Grella





### **Victory Line Up**

- 1. Tando Velaphi (Gk) 2. Matthew Foschini
- 3. Adama Traore
- 4. Petar Franjic 5. Mark Milligan
- 6. Leigh Broxham
- 7. Gui Finkler
- 8. Jonathan Bru
- 9. Marcos Flores 10. Archie Thompson
- 11. Marco Rojas
- 13. Diogo Ferreira
- 14. Billy Celeski
- 16. Theo Markelis 17. Jimmy Jeggo 19. Isaka Cernak
- 23. Adrian Leijer (C)
- 26. Andrew Nabbout
- 39. Nathan Coe (Gk) (four to be omitted)

Ins: Matthew Foschini, Theo Markelis, Isaka Cernak, Jimmy Jeggo (all promoted)

Outs: Nil

Unavailable: Spase Dilevski

### **Melbourne Victory v CC Mariners**

### Sat Nov 17 Etihad Stadium 7:45pm

### By Andrew Bishara

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Last week's stunning comeback against bitter rivals Sydney FC will forever be part of Melbourne Victory folklore. Twonil down with only 10 minutes remaining, the arrival of substitute Andrew Naboult turned the game on its head and before you knew it, Victory claimed a stunning 3-2 result; Naboult scoring the winner in the dying seconds to record that stunning win. The result means one thing - Ange Postecoglou's Melbourne Victory are coming. The game showed their grit and

determination, something that was evident when Brisbane was under the guidance of Postecoglou. It seems that the two-time championship winning coach is finally getting his message across, as they are adopting his trademark passand-move game style.

They were rampart against the Wellington, and except for some slack defending in the last couple of minutes, should of won by a greater margin. If there is one stigma that is levelled against the Victory is their poor defensive structure. They might be clicking centrally and in the front half, but the backline is really struggling to come to grips with Postecoglou's demand that they 'press their opponents'. It leaves plenty of holes in the back and like at the start of the season, can cost them games. And it could this weekend, as they will be hosting last season's Premiers,



Central Coast.

The only possibly link between the two sides has been their triumphs of Sydney FC. Two weeks ago, Central Coast put seven pass Sydney in their biggest ever loss in the A-League. Not too toot their horn too early; the Mariners have since claimed top spot, after last week's impressive 1-0 win over Wellington over in New Zealand.

The Mariners have won the last three on the bounce since their controversial loss to the Newcastle Jets in round four. Graham Arnold's men are back to their best and it's hard, especially with Brisbane's horrendous start to the season, to see anyone else worthy of the fa-

The only difference this season, has been their attacking play. Forever known as defensive, gritty unit to Brisbane's vibrant, goalgluttony style, Arnold has released the shackles on his Mariners side; producing a more open game play. That's not to take away anything from its resolute defending structure. Three times already this season, they have grabbed 1-0 wins, showing their defensive meddle - but overall their forward play, especially with the in-form Danny McBreen leading the line, supported by now Socceroo new boy Tomas Rogic, has been splendid to behold.

Saturday night's match will prove just how far Melbourne has progressed under Postecoglou. There can be no bigger test so far this season, then to come up against Arnold's Mariners side. Both teams have a full and fit bench to choose from, so expect both managers to put up their best team for this exhilarating clash. Who will come out on top? The Mariners are the form side at the moment, but Victory is rising and will want to see how far they have risen. A tight game

**Kiss of Death Victory 1-1 Mariners** 



1. Mathew Ryan (Gk) 2. Daniel McBreen

3. Joshua Rose 4. Pedj Bojic 5. Zachary Anderson 6. Patrick Zwaanswijk

7. John Hutchinson (c) 8. Adriano Pellegrino 9. Bernie Ibini

10. Tomas Rogic 11. Oliver Bozanic 14. Michael McGlinchey 15. Brad McDonald

16. Trent Sainsbury 18. Nick Montgomery

19. Mitchell Duke 20. Justin Pasfield (Gk 21. Mile Sterjovski 23. Adam Kwasnik

(four to be omitted)

Ins: 8. Adriano Pellegrino, 11. Oliver Bozanic, 15. Brad McDonald, 19. Mitchell Duke, 23. Adam

Outs: 12. Troy Hearfield

Unavailable: 12. Troy Hearfield, 22. James Oates (Ankle – 2



### **Jets Line Up**

- 2. Scott Neville 3. Tiago Calvano
- 4. Josh Mitchell 5. Dominik Ritter
- 7. James Brown
- 8. Ruben Zadkovich 9. Emile Heskey 10. Bernardo Ribeiro
- 13. Sam Gallaway 15. Craig Goodwin
- 16. Jobe Wheelhouse (C)
  17. James Virgili
  19. Michael Bridges
  20. Mark Birighitti (Gk)
  21. Marko Jesic

- (Two to be omitted)
- Ins: Bernardo Ribeiro, Sam Gallaway and Marko Jesic (promoted)

Outs: Jacob Pepper (suspended), Taylor Regan (suspended

Unavailable: Josh Brillante, Connor Chapman, Jack Duncan, Mitch Oxborrow and Adam Taggart (all on Young Qantas Socceroos duty), Ben Kennedy (knee), Ben Kantarovski (knee))

### **Newcastle Jets v Wellington Phoenix**

### By Shaun Dyas

The Newcastle Jets and the Wellington Phoenix clash this Sunday afternoon in an A-League clash at Hunter stadium that they will both be desperate to win for different reasons.

The Home side have started the season in promising form and sit just one point off the pace set by Adelaide United and the Central Coast Mariners.

Victories over Sydney FC, The Mariners, Melbourne Victory and Western Sydney will have the Jets undoubtedly full of confidence for this weekend's clash. Wellington on the other hand will

need to turn around their form and fast. The Phoenix are sitting in second last position on five points and have been struggling for anything away from home.

ceded three goals to a rampant Melbourne Victory and they have been unable to stem the flow of goals on this side of the Tasman. One reason for this is their high

the concession of too many goals. Jets coach Gary Van Egmond

will surely see this as an area his

side can exploit and will allow his

pacy wingers in Craig Goodwin

and James Virgili a license to get in

behind the Wellington defence as

defensive line that they have been playing. Teams have found it a little too easy getting in behind the Phoenix backline which has led to

In their last away game they con-

One area that isn't an issue for the Phoenix is the final third. Wellingplayers that are capable of unlocking the most resolute of defences.

In Paul Ifill they have one of the most dangerous attacking weapons in the league, both at scoring and assisting goals. Newcastle will

Sun Nov 18 Hunter Stadium 3:00pm



much as possible.

They will have the task of feeding the man who is currently at the top of the A-League scoring charts. Emile Heskey has been nothing short of sensational since arriving in this country and will fancy his chances of adding to his tally

ton possesses skilful and classy

have to be on their game to ensure that he doesn't have too much influence over the contest.

Jeremy Brockie is another player that will have to be watched closely by the Jets. The former Newcastle player has a habit of scoring some spectacular goals and his former team mates cannot allow him any space to move or they will most likely be chasing the game.

One man the home side can count on at the moment is their keeper Mark Birighitti. The former Adelaide United keeper came to Newcastle for greater first team opportunities and has taken his chance admirably and has been one of the main forces behind Newcastle's strong start to the season. Wellington will definitely have

their work cut out this Sunday in trying to come away from Newcastle with anything from the contest.

The scary part for the visitors is the fact that the home side haven't been playing the greatest football this season yet they are still flying high in 3rd place. I feel this week could be the week

stance and the Jets faithful will be going home happy. Kiss of Death

Jets 3-1 Phoenix

that the style comes with the sub-



### **Phoenix Line Up**

Mark Paston (GK)

2. Manny Muscat

3. Tony Lochhead

6. Alex Smith 7. Leo Bertos

8. Paul Ifill

9. Benjamin Totori 10. Stein Huysegems

11. Jeremy Brockie 12. Tyler Boyd 16. Louis Fenton

17. Vince Lia

18. Ben Sigmund

20. Glen Moss (GK) 22. Andrew Durante (C)

28. Ricardo Clarke (One to be omitted)

Ins: Ricardo Clarke (promoted)

Outs: Nil

Unavailable: Lucas Pantelis (knee injury - indefinite), Dani Sanchez (knee injury – 2 weeks)



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### **Glory Line Up**

1.Danny Vukovic (gk) 3.Bas van den Brink 4.Billy Mehmet 5.Steve Pantelidis 6.Nick Ward 8.Dean Heffernan 9.Shane Smeltz 10.Liam Miller 14.Steven McGarry 18.Jesse Makarounas 19.Josh Risdon

23.Michael Thwaite

30 Lewis Italiano (gk)

Ins: 11.Adrian Zahra, 15.Bradon O'Neill, 18.Jesse Makarounas, 22.Ndumba Makeche (both promoted)

Unavailable: 7.Jacob Burns (quad – 1-2 weeks), 16.Evan Berger (hamstring – TBA)

### **Perth Glory v W Sydney Wanderers**

By Juanita Milas

Perth Glory riding high from their victory at nib Stadium where they beat Newcastle Jets is all set to take on Sydnev Wanderers at the same venue on Sunday November

The Glory team have done exceptionally well on home ground, winning all their home games so far smashing the ball home courtesy of the skills of Mehmet, Thwaite, Miller and Van Den Brink. Even with the absence of Shane Smeltz, Ian Ferguson's decision to promote a number of players from the youth squad into the A-League team has paid off, most notably Josh Risdon who has more than proved himself, with his speed, agility and slight aggression, not enough to warrant a yellow card, but just enough that the Sydney Wanderers need to keep an eye out for him.

The Sydney Wanderers come into the game with their spirits low after a 2-1 defeat against Newcastle Jets, who they played in Round 6 of the A-League in Parramatta. It should be noted that the 2012-2013 season is the team's inaugural season, which basically spells doom for them when they play against Perth Glory on Sunday.

The Wanderers have next to no experience working as a team, even though they didn't fare too

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badly during the pre-season, the team dynamics is still very fresh especially in comparison to the Glory team who made it to the grand final in April, having said that, all hope is not lost for the Sydney Wanderers. Tony Popovic, the Wanderers

using the hash-tag #JETSvNIX

coach is more than a match for Ferguson's coaching skills. With more than eleven years' experience to his name as well as qualifving for the FIFA World Cup team in 2006, Popovic is ready to take his newly formed team to victory. They may not win Sunday's game, but they shouldn't be dismissed as 'easy prey.'

Glory went into the Melbourne Heart game with the same attitude, even though they won, it was hard work and there were many close calls when Heart had the opportunity to score. Glory needs to realise that they are no invincible and if they want to make it to the grand finals again they need to play like they played Brisbane Roar at the start of the season, with a sense of steely determination and no room for error.

Labinot Haliti, Albanian, Australian and Kosovar is the striker on the Sydney team. Mehmet would do well to constantly shadow Haliti as his impressive skills on the pitch have raised numerous questions, including a possible international career

FFA in great position, says Gallop

with the Albanian National Team and the Australian Olyroos. The Glory team should also keep in mind the talents of Kresinger, Minniecon Shannon Cole

and Youssouf Hersi. Sunday's

Perth and Sydney and Online.

game will be an interesting one. The formidable Perth Glory versus the fresh newly made up team of the Sydney Wanderers, anything can happen and perhaps not the obvious that Glory defeats the Wanderers. Fans and others alike will simply have to wait and see.

**Kiss of Death Glory 3-1Wanderers** 



### **Wanderers Line Up**

1. Ante Covic (GK)

. Adam D'apuzzo . Nikolai Topor-Stanley

5. Michael Beauchamp

6. Jerome Polenz 7. Labinot Haliti

9. Dino Kresinger

10. Aaron Mooy 11. Tarek Elrich

12. Tahj Minniecon

13. Joey Gibbs14. Kwabena Appiah-Kubi17. Youssouf Hersi

18. lacopo La Rocca 19. Mark Bridge 20. Jerrad Tyson (GK)

21. Shinji Ono

23. Jason Trifiro (Four to be omitted)

Ins: 7. Labinot Haliti, 11. Tarek Elrich, 14. Kwabena Appia Kubi, 23. Jason Trifiro (all

Outs: 8. Mateo Poljak (injured,

Unavailable:15. Reece Caira (International duty - Qantas Young Socceroos)

New Football Federation Australia chief executive David Gallop speaks with FFA.com associate editor Michael Cockerill in his first one-on-one interview.

### Q. If I could ask you first, before you came into this job what were your impressions of football when vou were on the outside looking in?

A. When we got into the World Cup in 2005, there was the realisation that the sleeping giant had got a big prod. From where I was previously, there was always a recognition that with the massive participation numbers, the move to the A-League, that football was getting its act together, and we should be concerned about it. The first six weeks of the season, that has been well and truly be vindicated.

### Q. Before we talk about your new job, from the point of view of your old job, should rugby league see football as a genuine competitor at the commercial end?

A. I'm sure they do. We always did when I was there because there's that grassroots support, the ability to build on the A-League and the Socceroos. Uniquely we've got the women's league, which the other sports can't match.

### Q. The game itself. What do you actually like about it?

A. I guess it's the ebb and flow, the possession for the ball, the small opportunities you get to put the ball into the back of the net. That's the thing which makes football exciting, and it's why it's so popular

### thing you don't like about the game? Diving is an obvious one. A. I guess it's too early for me to be

too critical of things, but like a lot of sports there's frustrating elements. You think about balls which have gone over the line, and not been declared a goal. That kind of thing is something all sports are grappling with - how to use video technology. If you're a fan of a team that's seen that happen, obviously you're going to be

Q. You've had a long time to consider this job, your appointment was announced some time ago (August). Everyone's quick

### to give you advice, but what are your personal priorities?

A. To listen, basically. My initial few weeks, even months, in the job is to be getting around and giving an opportunity for people to tell me what they think. There's a lot to learn, but the good news is there's a massive opportunity for everyone.

### Q. To achieve what I'm sure you want to achieve requires money. How are the FFA's finances. generally-speaking?

A. A lot healthier than they've been previously. Although I'm not in a position to announce the media deal. it's pretty close to completion and that's going to have a significant uplift in value which is going to be terrific for the game, not only at the elite level, because we've got to make sure a share goes into the grassroots. That puts the game on a lot better financial footing than it's been for some time.

### Q. Would you describe the media deal as a good one, then? A. I don't want to pre-empt the announcement, because that's going

to be exciting when it's made. But it's certainly a good one, and one the game can be pleased about. Q. I'm sure you're not surprised

### the players union has already started talking about their share of the new media deal. With the Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiations coming up, what's your view on what the players

which is our elite players deserve to be renumerated at the most which the game can afford. That is taking into account that there's always plenty of mouths to feed, so too much can't go at the elite end. That will be the challenge in the CBA negotiations.

### Q. Can we turn to the Hyundai A-League, it's been a wonderful start to the new season. How do you maintain that momentum, that enthusiasm?

A. There's a great drive for wanting to be in that top six because it's tough, an unpredictable competition, which it needs to be. That's going to



New FFA CEO David Gallopp meets the media with his new boss Frank Lowy during the week.

bring through the skill level, great goals and tight games. None more so than we saw on Saturday night (Sydney FC's 3-2 loss to Melbourne Victory), which was a cracking game, with great goals, and a young guy (Andrew Nabbout) comes on and scores two of them. That's fairytale stuff.

Q. What about the economics of the A-League. Melbourne Victory have a turnover of around \$14million at the top end, and the likes of Central Coast Mariners have a turnover of about \$7million at the bottom end. Then you stack this up against the likes of Collingwood (\$75million) and Essendon (\$51million) in the AFL, and the Broncos (\$28million) and Canberra (\$24million) in the NRL. That's a big gap in terms of the economics of our major sports. How does the A-League bridge that gap?

A. Through sustained growth. We've got to be in a position that the next time we do a media deal, that there's another substantial increase across sponsorship, membership. All the economic drivers need to have growth in them. In terms of the disparity between the top and the bottom (A-League), that's some-

thing we also experienced in rugby

have a whole city to themselves.

league - particularly those clubs that

They're able to make income that the clubs battling it out in Sydney can't make to the same level. That's a challenge, and not one I can say today how we can solve it.

### Q. Is it pie-in-the-sky to think A-League clubs can aspire to be equal to some of the AFL and NRL clubs in terms of turnover?

A. Not at all. In many respects you're seeing now A-League clubs producing the kind of numbers which are on a par with rugby league clubs. If that growth continues, there's all upside.

Q. In a way you're an owner of one of the A-League clubs, Western Sydney Wanderers. What's your view on how they've started life, and how quickly are you looking to transition the club into another form of ownership? A. Too early for me to give a view on the second part of the question. Transferring the ownership has

to be on the agenda at some point. The good news is, and I always said this in rugby league, that when we expand let's make sure we're fishing where the fish are. That's what football has done in going out to western Sydney, where there are literally millions of people who can be drawn on. Everyone would

be pretty delighted how things are

going both on and off the field with

the Wanderers.

### Q. Of course the Wanderers have come in at the same time we've lost a couple of clubs, North Queensland Fury and Gold Coast United. It's a 10-team competition at the moment. Do vou have a view on what your ideal number of teams would be?

A. Not at this stage. I've got no doubt the competition will expand at some point, but it's not immediately on the agenda. All sports in Australia have learnt some harsh lessons around expansion in the last couple of decades. My personal philosophy is you need to be very cautious before you do it. You not only need a sustainable business model for the district you're putting the team into but you also need to add something for the whole competition, and the whole game, so the whole pie grows. It's not easy to come up with that model unless you're careful, and your existing teams are on a good financial footing.

### Q. Some of the clubs are owned by rich, powerful, businessmen, people with a lot of profile. How will you approach your relationship with these owners?

A. For a start, we should be grateful to people who are injecting capital into our game. In many respects,

without their money we wouldn't

have teams, so we need to show

privately-owned clubs, and those that are not. Again, that's something I experienced in my previous role, those disparate ownership structures. There are plusses and minuses that

### come from it. Q. Speaking of powerful business people, what is your relationship like with (chairman) Frank Lowy, and how do you see his contribution over the years? A. It's hard to over-estimate what he's done for football in this country. The chairman and I are getting to know each other, but at this stage

### Q. One of the big issues confronting the FFA is the 2015 Asian Cup. How big can this

forward to working with him.

he's been terrific to me. I'm looking

tournament be? A. It's a big opportunity generally. Football in Asia is getting stronger and stronger, there's opportunities for certain rivalries to continue to be profiled leading up to it, and it's all good for the Socceroos. Australians love to see the Socceroos performing on the world stage.

### Q. Does that connect with Asia give football a strategic advantage over other sports?

A. Absolutely, and that mushrooms out to the global opportunities. But the stronger the game is in Asia, the better it is for us.

### Q. Finally, you are the third CEO to come from another sport into the FFA. How relevant is it that the CEO has a football DNA?

A. I think there will always be a

mixture of people. My job is to lead a team of people where some are steeped in football, and some aren't That's appropriate. We want a range of people with a range of skills. Some can look at a distance at the game, and some can bring their great love to it. I'm certainly an admirer of the game, and I think my love of the game will develop as I get into this



### **Boo's World**



### By Mark Boric

Ian Crook has fallen on his sword at Sydney FC, and the hunt is on for a Del Piero puppet. I suggest they interview Ben Buckley, Frank Lowy's former Yes Man, who is looking for a new job.

David Gallop took over from Buckley during the week. I wonder if Frank has told him that if Sydney FC wins the title having exceeded the salay cap, he is not allowed to strip them of their win? Or have things changed in this regard?

It was a good weekend for the

Melbourne teams, starting with Heart thumping Brisbane Roar on Friday night. I'd be suprised if the heat in Rado Vidosic's kitchen wasn't starting to get a little too much. Victory ran of the top of Sydney FC, who somehow held a 2-0 lead but were shakier than Muhammad Ali trying to light an Olympic Flame.

The verdict is in on the Dandenong Thunder tribunal hearing over the incidents at the VPL Grand Final, and the champions have been found guilty as charged. A record \$40,000 fine, a loss of three championship for next season, and they will have to play their first 10 home games of 2013 behind closed doors. It's the last punishment that is the most disappointing. Once again innocent clubs are punished as, with the exception of a few officials, fans will not get to see their teams play at George Andrews Reserve. It is as much a punishment to the league as a whole, as Thunder have been the best supported club in recent season. Though their fans will be allowed to follow their team away,

it is unlikely they will do so. If there is a league in the world as happy as the VPL to push fans away and diminish interest in the competition, I'd love to know their story.

The person who launched the rocket flare which was the most serious incident of the affair remains at large. Despite AAMI Park apparently having a sophisticated security camera network. the news reports about the search for the culprits showed no cctv footage of the incident or of the section of the ground the flare was luanched from. Thunder officials, some of whom could be seen pleading with fans in the front row behind the goal at the time to stay off the pitch and not light flares, were unable to identify the offender and will now pay the price.

One wonders if the security cameras were working, or had been switched off following the Melbourne Heart v Wellington Phoenix A-League game earlier in the afternoon. If they were not working, the FFV have not given Dandenong Thunder much to

work with. It seems like another case of the FFV being far less accountable than it's clubs are expected to be. And speaking of accounts, the fine will probably help balance the FFV books somewhat if the rumoured losses on the new facility at Knox are

Holger Osieck told everyone to calm down about Tom Rogic, but Rogic is old news. Andrew Nabbout stole the limelight last week and Holger the Hype Killer needs to get back to work.

And finally, once again, Harry Kewell and David Carney are still unemployed. Harry's playing more golf than football, and distanced himself from a move to Perth Glory last week, Carney is apprently on trial with Persepolis FC in Iran. When I read he was on trial in Iran I was concerned he may get the death penalty, as I assume they take crimes against football pretty seriously over there.

Scenes from the FFV VPL Grand Final where fireworks took centre stage. Photo: JOHN PUNSHON



### **BOOTS 'N ALL**



Roger Sleeman

### FRIDAY NIGHT FIASCO

Last Friday night's match between the Heart and the Roar at AAMI Stadium will remain in the memory for a long time.

The appalling decision by the assistant referee, late in the first half when he called Mitch Nicholl's cross from the byline to Henrique as out of play was unpardonable.

The assistant referee in question was at least four metres from the corner flag and seriously not up with the play when he gave his decision.

There is no doubt if the assistant had been in line with the byline he would've realised the ball was still in play when Nicholls cut the ball back.

Critically, this is our premier competition, not some local backyard event so I suggest referee boss, Ben Wilson, should take a closer look at this official because as a young man, if he can't keep up with play, he shouldn't be

employed in the A-League. As for the referee, there were so many times in the first half he failed to hand out cards for the brutal tackles on Thomas Broich

that it became embarrassing for

the neutral supporters. These strong armed tactics of the Heart unquestionably upset the Roar's rhythm and succeeded in reducing their attacking

Roar disappointed in the second



Refereeing standards need to improve in the A-League in general. Photo: ANITA MILAS

half but the events of the first half certainly didn't assist their cause.

### **MAN CITY BLUES**

Talk about bad decisions in the A-League which are costing teams badly because the only consolation is it's happening overseas as well.

Manchester City was literally robbed by the officials' decisions in the UEFA Champions League clash with Ajax last Thursday morning.

In the 85th minute, Dzeko laid the ball off to Kolarov who played an inch pefect near post cross to Aguero.

The Argentine maestro gratefully accepted the chance and steered the ball into the net only to turn round in astonishment and witness the assistant referee raising his flag for offside when it was quite clear Kolarov had been in line with the last defender.

However, this wasn't the end of the controversy when Balotelli was held back in the box by an Ajax defender for a clear three

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seconds but the officials didn't

It wasn't any wonder that Roberto Mancini stormed onto the pitch at fulltime to denounce the officials in the 2-2 draw, especially as City have virtually no chance of progressing to the second round, due to these costly decisions.

### **DEMPSEY & SPEEDIE- WHAT** A TEAM!!

We talk about the great commentators in world football and there is no doubt Paul Dempsey and David Speedie were up with the best once again when they called the Europa Cup contest between Spurs and Maribor last Friday.

It is always a privilege to listen to Paul Dempsey as he oozes football with his eloquent style and informative manner while Speedie sees things in a game other so called experts could never dream of. Also, it was exciting to see Jermaine Defoe in such great goalscoring vein with his hat-trick and if ever any A-League club was considering a marquee player, this man has it all.

### **ONO'S MISS**

West Sydney Wanderers were frightfully unlucky in their 2-1 loss to the Jets last Friday.

Apart from Joey Gibbs two good chances in the second half, Mark Bridge was definitely held back by Tiago Calvano in the box during the first half but the referee and assistant referee turned a blind

However, the chance fans would've expected to be finished was when Kresinger nodded the ball down to Ono who despatched a rather innocuous shot with the inside of his right foot which was foiled by Jets keeper, Birighitti. Some experts described this as one of the saves of the season but the fact is Birighitti had left a large gap on his left post and because Ono received the ball on his left side, all he had to do was use his left foot to beat the advancing keeper at the near post. This is bread and butter stuff

for most accomplished strikers and further emphasises players should be competent on both sides in all aspects of the game. I had to laugh at the comment of the Sydney Sun Herald writer,

Daniel Lane, who described

Ono's shot as a missile.

Andrew Nabbout is the new darling of Melbourne Victory fans after writing his name into Big Blue folklore with a

supersub effort of monstrous proportions. Some could say it even cost one man his job...

Maybe Lane, who is a prolific cricket writer, was confusing the shot with some of the slow balls that many international fast bowler disguise in their repertoire!!

### THE DAY OF THE SUBSTI-

Ironically, last Saturday was the day of the substitute and even if he didn't realise it. Andrew Nabbout, the Victory striker, was going to stand in pretty tall company last weekend after that brilliant brace against Sydney FC.

Until Nabbout's entry to the game, Sydney had amazingly resisted the Victory onslaught but with that torpedo left foot to Necevski's far post, the game was destined to change.

When he popped up in the 92nd minute with that brilliant header from Finkler's corner to give the Victory a 3-2 lead, Nabbout was a hero of the weekend and my tipping prediction for a draw was unfortunately dismantled. Aston Villa playing Manchester United last weekend also looked good for a home win as they took a 2-0 lead in the first half until Alex Ferguson made that magical substitution when he brought

The Mexican strike obliged as he so often does with a brace and was only denied a hat-trick because his volley at the far post came off a Villa defender and was adjudged an own goal.

The comparison only goes to show that Australian coaches, like Ange Postecoglou, can also make a huge impact on a game when they make intelligent decisions which mirror their illustrious counterparts in the EPL.

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2011 VICTORIA'S NUMBER ONE SUPPLIER OF NIKE TEAMWEAR

By Daniel Quinn

After Round 4 of the NYL the Central Coast Mariners remain the only side with a one hundred percent record

as the Victory fell to the Western Sydney Wanderers,

are still pointless.

Thurtell.

while Sydney FC and the AIS

Brisbane Roar got their second win of the season with a 4-2

victory over the AIS at a damp Goodwin Park on Saturday.

The Roar opened the scoring on 20 minutes as Benjamin Litfin pounced on a loose ball before

sliding it past AIS 'keeper Jordan

But the AIS were level three

Roar 'keeper Fraser Chalmers.

Do Dong-Hyun's cross was

was tied as Scott Galloway

thumped a penalty home,

spilled into the net by Thurtell.

Although once again the game

before Brisbane retook the lead

through an easy Anthony Proia

Brisbane extended their lead to

two through a Kenneth Dougall

penalty, before Joshua Barresi

was given his marching orders

allowing the Roar to hold on.

In Melbourne at John Cain

Memorial Park Perth Glory

defeated Melbourne Heart 4-1

thanks to a Ndumba Makeche

first of the afternoon tapping-in

from a Riley Woodcock corner,

Groenewald headed Nicholas

before the Heart levelled as Josh

Epifano's cross home at the back

Makeche easily found the

brace.

Shortly after, however, the Roar were in front as Korean winger

minutes after as Alexander Gersbach powerfully headed past

Sydney FC 1 (Calver 80)

Melbourne Heart 1 (Joshua Groenewald 33) Perth Glory 4 (Ndumba Makeche 17, 90, Harry Obrien 74, Adrian Zahra 90)

Brisbane Roar 4 (Benjamin Liftin 20, Do Dong Hyun 26, Anthony Proia 45, Kenneth Dougall AIS 2 (Alexander Gersbach 23, Scott Galloway

Western Sydney Wanderers 2 (Daniel Baric 37, Melbourne Victory 1 (Theodore Markelis 46)

### **NYL Standings**

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### **Round 5 Fixtures**

Newcastle Jets v AIS Saturday 17 November KO 10:30 AM Wanderers Oval, Broadmeadow

Perth Glory v Central Coast Mariners Saturday 17 November KO 1:30 PM Intiga Stadium, Inglewood

**Hindmarsh Stadium** 

Brisbane Roar v Western Sydney

All KO times ae AEDT

**Round 4 Results** 

It's crunch time for Glory's Ndumba Makeche as Heart keeper Andrew Redmayne collides with him after punching the ball clear. Photo: JOHN PUNSHON

Substitute Harry O'Brien gave

the Glory the lead on 74 minutes

winger Adrian Zahra then extend-

ed Perth's lead simply finishing

off a rebound, before Makeche

claimed his brace powering

Meanwhile in Adelaide the

Central Coast Mariners have

made it four-out-of-four wins with

a 2-1 win over Adelaide United to

clearly stand on top of the NYL

Just after the half-hour mark the

Mariners took the lead as Mitch-

ell Duke found Daniel Bragg who

home from the spot.

smashing home into the top

Former Melbourne Heart

neatly finished.

Mariners maintain only unbeaten record in NYL

Central Coast almost ensured the three points as substitute Aaron Peterson beat Reds 'keeper John Hall seconds after coming on at half-time.

Adelaide though cut the deficit to one as John Karatzas played Awer Mabil through, before the winger buried his effort home, but Mabil's strike would only be seen as a consolidation. On Sunday at Leichhardt Oval

a ten man Newcastle Jets moved up to third on the ladder with a 3-1 win over Sydney FC. The afternoon didn't start off as planned for the Jets, as Taylor Regan was sent off on 19 minutes after fouling Alec Urosevski.

Despite a man less, the visitors opened the scoring as Michael Bridges tapped in Andrew Hoole's deflected cross Just after the break Bridges scored his brace thumping a tremendous effort into the top corner, before the former Leeds United forward set up Barnardo Ribeiro.

Captains clash ... Adrian Zahra (Glory) is in the process of

shaking off Josh Gtoenewald (Heart). Photo: JOHN PUNSHON

Aaron Calver, however, did find a late consolidation goal, but that's all it was. Also on Sunday, at Campbell-

town Stadium a late Kwabena Appiah-Kubi wonder strike earned the Western Sydney Wanderers a 2-1 win over the Melbourne Victory.

After the Victory dominated the first-half possession a Labinot Haliti cross found Daniel Barac at the near post who buried his effort into the top corner giving Western Sydney the lead. But seconds after the break Isaka Cernak capitalized on a defensive mistake, before finding Theo Markelis who slotted into the empty net equalising for the visitors.

But after Markelis butchered many chances, Appiah-Kubi was found in space in the last minute and delicately chipped Victory 'keeper Tando Velaphi on the volley handing the Wanderers all three points.

Adelaide United v Melbourne Heart Saturday 17 November KO 2:45 PM

Melbourne Victory v Sydney FC Sunday 18 November KO 3:00 PM SS Anderson Reserve, Port Melbourne

Sunday 18 November KO 4:00 PM Goodwin Park, Yeronga

## W-League Wrap

### www.goalweekly.com Perth Glory returns back to the summit **Round 4 Results**

### By Ann Odong

With the biggest win in their history, Perth Glory have returned to the summit of the Westfield W-League as their closest rivals Canberra United and Sydney FC dropped crucial points.

### Adelaide United 0 Brisbane Roar 2

Brisbane Roar recovered from last week's loss to defeat Adelaide United 2 - 0 courtesy of goals from Amy Chapman and the returning Elise Kellond-Smarting from last weekend's loss

to long-time rivals Sydney, the Roar started the contest the better. Inside ten minutes the visitors found a way through. A nicely timed lofted pass bypassed the Adelaide defence and found Chapman one-on-one with Adelaide goalkeeper Kristi Harvey. A nice first touch allowed Chapman to coolly convert the chance. Not long after Sachiko Tatsuoka had a chance to double the lead but her shot slid just wide of the mark.

After absorbing the pressure, Adelaide provided some of their own late in the first half. First as Holly Patterson hit up Racheal Quigley. Quigley chipped the advancing Roar 'keeper only for the striker to be denied the upright. Not long after Adelaide broke on the counter again but this time Sarah McLaughlin blasted her striker just over the bar nearing half time.

Brisbane doubled the lead when Kellond-Knight, in her first game back from a knee reconstruction, strode into the penalty area before being brought down by Alex Natoli. Kellond-Knight took the penalty with little fuss to seal vital away points.



Adelaide United keeper Kristi Harvey is at full stretch to thwart Ellise Kellond-Knight (Roar). Photo: ADAM BUTLER

### Newcastle Jets 1 Perth Glory 6

A hat-trick from Kate Gill has helped Perth Glory to a 6 - 1 demolition of the Newcastle Jets and a climb back to the top of the W-League.

From the outset, the visitors were on top with the new recruit Lisa De Vanna causing havoc from the first whistle. The rout began in the fourth minute when De Vanna latched onto a loose ball, turned and struck from 20 yards out to give Perth an early lead. Alisha Foote looked to have hit back for the Jets on the quarter hour as she unloaded from distance but Glory goalkeeper Carly Telford was equal to the task pushing the shot over the crossbar. After the scare, chances aplenty then abounded for Perth as they place the Jets defence under severe pressure. The dam again broke in

the 20th minute when captain Collette McCallum's in-swinging corner evaded all comers and nestled into the bottom right corner. Despite controlling possession and chances on goal, the visitors were unable to add to their tally.

That all changed after the break and just before the hour mark Perth sealed the points. Glory debutante Aivi Luik created the goal when she struck from 20 yards out with the shot slamming into the post before falling to the oncoming Gill. At close range the striker calmly slotted home. Four minutes later the Glory striker pair combined nicely with De Vanna sliding through to Gill who pushed it passed Eliza Campbell for the fourth. The onslaught continued with Campbell forced into several good stops on De Vanna, Gill and winger Marianna Tabain before the latter eventu-

ally found a way through when she latched onto a Gill through ball to fire home from 12 yards. Working hard all day, Tori Huster managed to pull one back for the besieged home side in a goal mouth scramble before Gill made it 6 – 1, and claimed her hat trick, after converting a late

a helping hand. Photo: ADAM BUTLER

### Western Sydney Wanderers 1 Canberra United 1

The Western Sydney Wanderers held Canberra United to a 1 - 1 draw in a tightly contested Round 4 match. A piece of individual brilliance after 23 minutes from Teigen Allen was cancelled out by Caitlin Munoz's superb 73rd minute equaliser.

Despite Ellie Brush's second yellow sending off, neither team was able to break the deadlock.

### Sydney FC 1 Melbourne Victory 2

Ellise Kellond-Knight (Roar) gives Abby Erceg (Adelaide Utd)

A late Laura Spiranovic goal has helped the Melbourne Victory secure their first ever win over Sydney FC 2 1 and first loss of the 2012/13 sea-

Melbourne hit the scoreboard first when Stephanie Catley's curling free kick gave it the perfect start less than 10 minutes in. Sydney finally found a way through just prior to half time with Kennedy bulleting home a header off a well-directed Kerr corner.

On 80 minutes, substitute Spiranovic pounced onto a loose ball to strike the winner from inside the penalty area for a famous win the

### Wanderers 1 (Allen 23) Canberra United 1 Munoz (73)

Sydney FC 1 (Kennedy 41,) Melbourne Victory 2 (Catley 8, Spira-

novic 81)

Newcastle Jets 1 (Tori Huster 72) Perth Glory 6 (Lisa De Vanna 5, Collette McCallum 21, Katie Gill 58, 62,90+3pen,

Marianna Tabain 68)

Kellond-Knight 63)

Adelaide United 0 Brisbane Roar 2 (Amy Chapman 9, Elise

### W-League Standings

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### **Round 5 Fixtures**

Perth Glory Vs Sydney FC Sat 17 Nov KO 11:00am nib Stadium

Melb Victory Vs Canberra United Sat 17 Nov KO 3:00pm Wembley Park, Box Hill

Brisbane Roar Vs WS Wanderers FC Sat 17 Nov KO 3:00pm **Cleveland Showgrounds** 

Newcastle Jets Vs Adelaide United Sat 17 Nov KO 4:30pm Wanderers Oval

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SPL Round 14 Highlights 7:30pm 1st Airing Eredivisie Round 13 Highlights 8:00pm

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Saturday 24th Nov 05:30 am The Serie A Highlights Show

Sunday 25th Nov 06:00 am Arsenal TV

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Thursday 28th Nov 02:00 am Magic Of The FA Cup

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# Round 07: ASK THE EXPERTS

THE VERDICT

Roar (7) SFC (0) Draw (1) - Adelaide (7) Heart (0) Draw (1) - Victory (4) Mariners (1) Draw (3) - Jets (8) Phoenix (0) Draw (0) - Glory (8) Wanderers (0) Draw (0)

CILAURO

Roar Adelaide Victory Jets Glory Last week: 0

Last week: 1

MACKENZIE **Brisbane Roar** 

Adelaide United **Newcastle Jets Perth Glory** 

EDDIE KRNCEVIC

Roar Adelaide Victory **Jets** Last week: 2

KATHOLOS

Draw Adelaide Melb Victory Newcastle Perth Last week: 2



ROGER SLEEMAN

Brisbane Adelaide Mariners **Jets** Perth

Last week: 2

ANDY HARPER

Roar Adelaide Victory Newcastle

Last week: 1



Roar Draw Draw Glory

Last week: 4



DEATH Roar

KISS OF

Adelaide Draw **Jets** Glory Last week: 3



### **The Season That Was**



### By Joseph Carlucci

Marconi Stallions claimed the plaudits on NSW Premier League grand final day for 2012 with a stunning performance to overwhelm Bonnyrigg White Eagles in a season where the latter set the bar with a tremendous regular season campaign.

The Stallions were not overawed by a vocal Bonnyrigg home ground, turning out a near flawless display that was capped off with a second-half brace to Nathan Elasi to secure departing coach Luke Casserly, and his players, Minor Premiership bliss.

The Stallions found the going tough in 2012 with a long list of injuries preventing Casserly from fielding his best eleven consistently, as captain Nahuel Arrarte showed his pure class with another fabulous captain's 'knock' this season en-route to the final triumph. Marconi unleashed one of the season's brightest youngsters, Joey Gibbs. The striker had a wonderful campaign for the Stallions, creating havoc for opposition defences. Gibbs' exploits in 2012 were so impressive that the youngster scored himself a spot in Tony Popovic's inaugural Western Sydney Wanderers squad in the A-League.

Bonnyrigg's despair at missing out on the double certainly cannot overshadow the immensely successful season the club enjoyed. Coach Brian Brown led his side to the Premiership victory – first at the end of the regular season fifteen points clear of second-placed Sydney Olympic.

The White Eagles' successful campaign was also illustrated with four players making the Football NSW team of the year - David Vrankovic, Chris Tadrosse, Tynan Diaz and Robbie Younis.

Season 2012 also confirmed the

# It's Marconi's Year in NSW



Marconi Stallions claimed the biggest prize in NSW football this season. Photo: GAVIN LEUNG

Sydney Olympic midfielder Chris Triantis. The Blues' number 10 played a massive role in his side's run towards the semi-final, recognised by his peers as the 2012 Gold Medal winner for his efforts. Blacktown City FC and South Coast Wolves also featured in the finals series and the former - also the 2010 champions - very nearly played its way into the grand-final, succumbing to the Stallions in what was Blacktown City legend Luke Roodenburg's last match for the club.

The Wolves were also very impressive this season as Sash Petrovski's experience, combined with the explosiveness in the front third of both Mark Picciolini and Ricky Zucco saw the South Coast side storm its way to the top of the ladder. The side however did run out of steam as the season wore on, eventually losing out to Blacktown City. Outside of the top-five, it was a season that saw perennial contenders Sydney United 58 FC struggle to get the ball rolling, as new boys Blacktown Spartans surprised all followers of the competition with

APIA-Leichhardt Tigers left its run too late for finals football, arguably

an impressive run of results in its

debut season.

run towards the end of the regular season, meanwhile Rockdale City Suns under coach Mark Rudan ran out of legs as its finals ambitions disappeared over the final two weeks of the competition. One of the early season favourites was arguably the Sutherland Sharks. Robbie Stanton's team played some of the most attractive football though an inability to score goals regularly ultimately cost George Souris & Co. a shot at finals football.

The Shire side did however secure some silverware in 2012. A phenomenal run in the Waratah Cup competition - the NSW State Cup competition - delivered the Sutherland supporters victory with a very impressive 4-1 defeat of APIA-Leichhardt Tigers in the final. 2011 Waratah Cup Champions Manly United FC unveiled its new synthetic surface at Cromer Park this season, and the side did collect some very good results. Continuity, however, was missing from coach Craig Midgley's men as his young side failed to make a serious bid for a top-five finish this season. At the foot of the table, a very

young Parramatta FC gave a good account of themselves as coach

into battle. The Eagles did make the lives of opponents difficult, though an inability to maintain the same intensity for the full 90' minutes proved to be the side's undoing.

Parramatta FC's bottom-placed finish ultimately cost the side a spot in next season's competition as the club finished bottom on the club championship standings, forcing the side to drop back down into the NSW Super League competition.

### **NSW Standings**

**NSW Honours** 

Champions: Marconi Stallions Minor Premiers: Bonnyrigg White Eagles Coach of the Year: Brian Brown (BWE) Gold Medal: Chris Triantis (Syd Olympic) Golden Boot: Robert Younis (BWE)

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# Sydney opens up to the world

SYDNEY FC has come full circle with news that the club's search for a head coach will not be restricted to the local market. The usual "Aussie" suspects head-

ing a burgeoning list of candidates are Ernie Merrick, Graham Arnold, Frank Farina, Phil Stubbins and Ricki Herbert but they face off-shore competition the like of which never confronted the newly departed Ian Crook when he was appointed last

Prior to Crook's appointment Sydney made no secret of its interest in hiring Arnold and even when "Arnie" ruled himself out of the race Sydney's boardroom was said to be keen on hiring "an Australian coach."

The club headed in this direction after three seasons under Czech coach Vitezslav Lavicka despite conjecture that the Sky Blues' majority owner. Russian billionaire David Traktovenko, might re-ignite the search for a European coach.

Such speculation was summarily dismissed by Director of Football Gary Cole at the time.

"When we started this process some months ago, we decided as a football club it was time that Sydney had an Australian coach, for a number of reasons," he said.

"One, obviously they speak the language. Two, they know the A-League - they'll understand the salary cap, which is a significant part of making it work here and they'll also understand the importance of developing young players.

"That's the reason that we pursued Graham and will continue to pursue an Australian coach."

That pursuit ended when Crook was appointed with a strong professional playing background in his native England and an extensive coaching background in Australia involving Sydney FC, Newcastle Jets, Sydney Olympic and NSWIS.

But six months and a dramatic and emotional coaching departure later the club has decided to adopt an open-slather policy in its search for a seventh head coach in eight sea-

Despite that switch when Merrick's dossier lands on Sydney's boardroom table it will contain information that is bound to make every board member sit up and take notice.

It will point out that Merrick has a UEFA Pro Licence, the highest coaching accreditation in world football. He was the first coach in Australia to gain this licence (in 2000) and has attended updates consistently for the past 12 years, indeed as I write he is back in Ayrshire in his native Scotland and will be undertaking professional development hours under the auspices of the Scottish Football Association in order to maintain his certification.

He has a BA in Education (Physical Education) and a Graduate Diploma in Sports Science.

The dossier will outline Merrick's

six years at the helm of Melbourne Victory when the team played in three Grand Finals, won two premierships and two championships, was the highest scoring A-League team of that era, and had the largest attendance figures and the largest corporate sponsorship in the competition.

coaching involvement with the VIS is highlighted as is his proven track recruiting.

And no doubt the Sky Blues board nership at Victory remains the most

Stubbins is an interesting candidate and goings at Sydney despite being head coach of Bangkok Glass.

day to look at prospective signings for his Thai Premier League club and to visit Barcelona on a coaching reconnaissance mission.

career, has a great association with the game and has mentored many young Aussie players. I'm genuinely disappointed for him because he's a top man and a great football person,' said Stubbins.

from his resignation it's that organising your team and not worrying too much about the stuff you can't control, such as the media, is what

Pierro and what effect his inclusion has had but clearly his performances have stood up and the way the Sydnev players talk about him in such a positive way speaks volumes for his values as a human being.

ing at the balance of the squad and the fact that the team seems to con-

"It makes me wonder about the mindset of the group and if you look at conceding seven goals without Del Pierro (against Central Coast) then three against Victory after he's been subbed that brings their mental strength and resolve into question.

too many changes for Sydney over the years. The A-League is a very serious competition now and it needs careful technical planning and structuring to safeguard a club's future.

balling sense."

No doubt these thoughts were echoed behind closed doors at Sydney last Monday as a series of meetings were held to decide the club's

new coach could be a foreigner or it could be a local. They both have advantages and disadvantages," said a



Merrick's lengthy developmental record of talent identification and

will be reminded, should that be necessary, that the Merrick-Cole partsuccessful in A-League history.

and has kept abreast of the comings He jetted off to Europe on Wednes-

"Ian Crook has had a tremendous

"If there's anything for me to learn

"I see people talking about Del

"I think though that it's worth lookcede many goals in spates.

"But there definitely has been way

"I think it's time for Sydney to get rid of the quick fixes and set up the club for the future by providing it with the best possible platform in a foot-

hiring policy this time round.

"The parameters are endless. The



Thomas Leech, Haydar Kanjo, Aleksandar Dukic, Anthony Kirkopoulos. Front: Kevin Nguyen, Lewis Smirlis, Rory Smyth, Michael Gaitanis, Dallas Colelough, Nicholas Lika, Aneek Rodrigues, Anthony Trajkoski.



club spokesman on Tuesday.

"The goal is to put the right person in place and we hope to do that as soon as possible.

"The new coach will have to fit into the football philosophy that the club has set - to play an open, attacking and vibrant possession-based

Hmmm. Does the name Ange Postecoglou seem a reasonable fit for that philosophy? Now that would be a story and a half!

But being a betting man I'm tempted to have a small wager on Merrick for purely intuitive reasons.

Good luck to the rest of you that back other candidates and as football lovers let's wish Sydney well in its quest for the next head coach.

One thing is certain. Football in this country is all the better for a strong and competitive Sydney FC and I'm hopeful that's what the next head coach will achieve.

### Happy birthday, Syria

I DON'T make a habit of slagging other national teams but I'm prepared to make an exception when

it comes to Syria's under-19s.

The Syrians started the current AFC Under-19 finals with a bang by hammering Saudi Arabia 5-1 in their opening Group D game in the UAE.

They then drew 1-1 with the Young Socceroos in the second group game and that was when a rather unusual 'fact" emerged.

In checking through the birthdates of the Syrians, FFA discovered that the entire 23-player squad was born in January of the same year and six players were born on January 1! Yes, we know that this is possible

but we also know how improbable it is. As does Saudi Arabia and the Saudis have joined us in lodging a formal protest with the AFC. The good news is that Syria failed

to reach the semis which would have given them automatic qualification for next year's World Under-20 finals They were on the verge of tarnish-

ing our great game on the global stage until Uzbekistan beat them on penalties in their quarter-final.

As for the Young Socceroos it was a

case of so near but yet so far when they went down 2-0 to Iraq in their semi-final yesterday morning our

Despite missing the chance to take the lead from the penalty spot early in the second half and making a couple of mistakes which led to Iraq's goals the Young Socceroos have done us proud.

Congratulations to coach Paul Okon and his squad for achieving their principle aim which was to qualify for the Under-20 finals.

There's a lot of upside to this squad and I'm looking forward to the challenge they'll face in front of the world next June and July.

### Stars' European adventure EMIRATES flight EK025 will

arrive in Glasgow on Friday 23 November carrying a squad of excited teenagers.

They are members of the Melbourne Football Stars academy run by former Aberdeen, South Melbourne Hellas, Preston Makedonia and Scottish youth international



MFS youngster Liam O'Connell, currently on trial with Rangers.

George Campbell and this will be the fifth year for what has become a challenging and exciting European tour.

Campbell's efforts have seen a number of his charges trial overseas, notably Rodrigo Covarrubias, a teenager who now plies his trade with the famous River Plate in Argentina.

Not long after Campbell's kids land on Scottish soil they will be joined by academy teammate Liam O'Connell currently trialling with Rangers.

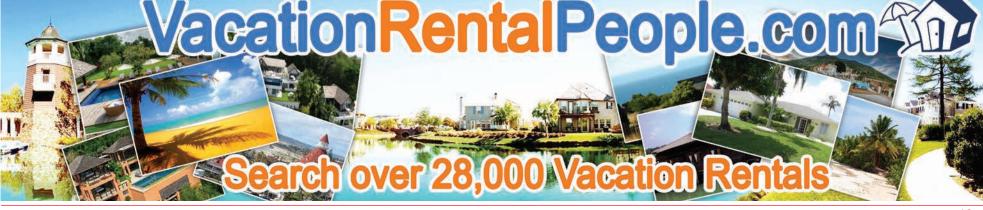
And don't be surprised during the six-game tour if interest isn't shown in other members of the squad.

Games already have been arranged against the Scottish Youth Football Association select, Aberdeen, Bolton Wanderers, German outfit FC Deisenhofen and Spaniards Horta Unio. a Catalan outfit whose youngsters play in the same elite junior league as Barcelona and neighbouring Es-

The tour games are spread across four countries in just under three weeks and are intermingled with training sessions conducted by renowned local developmental coaches, stadium and museum tours and attendance at EPL, La Liga and SPL

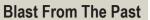
The annual event gets bigger by the year and Campbell deserves great credit for persevering with these tours which represent justification for years of effort to get this project up and running against all odds.

He hasn't had a lot of support from clubs and none from the powers that be but that doesn't deter him from continuing to provide talented young players who have not been involved in our development pathways the chance to sample professional foot ball overseas.



# Why didn't the Golden Team appear at the

Melbourne Olympic Games?





By Roy Hay & Les Murray

It has always puzzled Les Murray and me why the defending Olympic champion, Hungary, did not enter for the football competition at the 1956 Games in Melbourne which it would have had every chance of winning. This week at the Worlds of Football Conference at the Melbourne Cricket Ground we presented the evidence we have discovered so far.

There is no doubt that the Hungarian Golden Team, coached for most of its great days by Gusztav Sebes and led by the incomparable Ference Puskas, was the best national team of the 1950s, despite a narrow and controversial loss to West Germany in the World Cup final in Berne in 1954. Hungary had humiliated England twice in 1953, at Wembley and in Budapest. It had played 35 games without a loss prior to the World Cup final and another 18 after that. It beat the Soviet Union in Moscow on 23 September 1956 just two months before the Games began in Melbourne. So why did it not come to Australia?

One popular reason can be dismissed straight away. The bloody Soviet response to the Hungarian uprising in October 1956 had nothing to do with it. Nor, incidentally, did it have much to do with the small number of teams taking part in the football tournament and the withdrawal of a number of them. The draw was made in Zurich at FIFA headquarters on 1 September 1956, involving 15 national teams. Hungary had withdrawn the day before. Of the 15 entrants, 11 played. The People's Republic of China withdrew, but only because of the inclusion of Taiwan (Formosa). Egypt's withdrawal, if it had a political element, would have been over the French, British and Israeli occupation of the Suez Canal zone in October. The reasons why Turkey and Vietnam pulled out are less clear. Spain, Switzerland and the Netherlands boycotted the games over the Soviet invasion, but none of them had been in the football

draw in September. The Hungarians did have a problem in August 1956. The authorities had entered Honved, the team of the Hungarian army, in the European Cup—what we now know as the European Champions League. The competition started in 1955 and was won for the first of five times by Real Madrid—a wonderful foot-



Mighty Magyar In Melbourne: The great Ference Puskas shares his thoughts with GW's Roy Hay in Melbourne c.1990. Photo: Roy Hay



Les Murray and Kevin Moore, Director of the National Football Museum in Manchester, England. Photo: Roy Hay.

the Spanish dictator Franco. This was a slap in the face to the progressive forces of international socialism. If Honved's best players were off in Australia it would have no chance in the European Cup.

When the Hungarians thought to withdraw Honved they were told that they would be banned for two years from the lucrative tournament. So Honved played Atletic Bilbao, losing by the odd goal in eleven over two legs both played away from home. However, the UEFA diktat also came after, not balling team, but one favoured by before the Hungarian withdrawal from the Olympic Games.

Here in Australia we tend to think we are obsessed by sport, but we really have no idea of what occurred in countries like the Soviet Union and Hungary where sport and politics were seamlessly intertwined. In the 1950s sport, and football in particular, were critical to both regimes for two main reasons. Internationally, football was a powerful instrument of propaganda, a courier to the capitalist world of the notion that the communist system and ideology bred noble, perfect and healthy athletes. Do-

mestically, sporting success on the international stage was a source of comfort for the people, a distraction from their material poverty and political oppression: an opiate

Hungary had enormous success at the Helsinki Games in 1952, winning 16 gold medals including the football and 42 medals in all. To come third on the medal table behind the United States and the Soviet Union as a country of under 10 million people was astonishing. But this posed a serious problem for the Soviet Union which had never : have been counter-productive.

won a major football competition. If the Hungarians took part in the football they were likely to win.

Recently Les Murray was in England and Hungary where he met Jeno Buzanszky one of only two survivors of the Golden Team. (The other is Gyula Grosics, the goalkeeper, who then and now lived up to the reputation that all keepers are mad.) Les asked him if the regime had pressed the players to take it easy when meeting the Soviet Union but Buzanszky said there was not and anyway it would In September 1955 the countries met in a very unfriendly match in Budapest ending in a one-all draw, while a year later Hungary won in Moscow with a single goal by Czibor. Buzanszky said that while the official line was that it was too expensive to send a team to Australia, later conversations made it clear to him that it was all about leaving a clear field for the Soviets. The



Jozsef Bozsik (right) in his army gear. (Hungarian Museum of Sport, in Rogan Taylor and Klara Jamrich, Puskas on Puskas, Robson Books, 1997, pp. 54-5.



Jeno Buzanszky. Internet, 123 photo.

### Soviet Union 1-0 Yugoslavia **Bronze Medal Match** Bulgaria 3-0 India

(Egypt, China, Turkey, South Viet-

Goals scored: 53 (4.42 per match)

1956 OLYMPIC GAMES FOOTBALL

Dates: November 24-December 8

Champions: Soviet Union (1st title)

Host country: Australia

Runners-up: Yugoslavia

Third place: Bulgaria

Tournament statistics

Matches played: 12

Gold Medal Match

Five teams withdrew

nam and Hungary)

Teams: 11

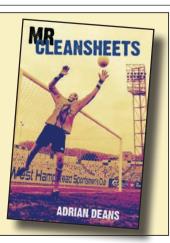
Final positions

# 1956 Games went ahead without a Hungarian football team, maybe the best football team of all time, and the Soviets won the gold.

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# **Hume & Metro record crushing opening round wins**

### Pascoe Vale FC 7-4 Brighton

Its round 1 and with round 1 comes new teams and new inclusions. Pascoe Vale cup double winners last season added top scorer Sofiane Soufi and hotshot Jose Portillo to the line up.

While Brighton made no changes to the side which gained promotion at the expense of Albert Park. Although providing a stern test early Brighton never had the firepower to overcome the might of Pascoe Vale Who's big guns Sofiane Soufi & Jose Portillo blew the game wide open with their incredible scoring power., While Brighton tried incredibly hard they never had the scoring quality to match it with the Champions.

### GoalScorers

PVFC - S.Soufi 2, J.Portillo 2, A.Caro, E.Simsek, B.Polatti BFC - M.Guillou 2, C.Safko, G.O'Reilly

### Vic Vipers FC 3-3 Ashburton

After finishing second last season the Vipers looked to get off to the best possible start against a new look Ashburton, Only Matteo Rocca, Andrea Farina, Robert Armellini & George Mcheileh survived from last seasons squad.

While the Vipers only brought in Luke Holian from relegated Collingwood. Early on the Vipers were on top but they could not put the ball in the net. The second half was much different as the Vipers got out to a 3-2 lead with only 1 minute remaining Matteo Rocca grabbed an equalizer past replacement keeper Adam Cooper to earn a draw.

### Goalscorers

VVFC – Jon Barrinetos, Jas Barrientos, A. Cooper AFC - M.Rocca 2, A.Farina 1

### FC Prahran 2-4 Fitzroy FC

In what could have been match of the round newly promoted Fitzrov took on FC



Adam Husseni (far right) ran the length of the pitch to score his second goal and give Fitzroy a 4-2 win. Photo By Matt Montgomery



HFC R.Culculoglu 3, S.Rashidi 3, A.Keddad 2, C. Yang 2, V. Mazurskiy 2, S. Cicek 2, F.Bozdogan, M.Parlak

### FC Balwyn 5-15 Metropolitan FC

After the debacle of the last clash the Clubs Cup winners FC Balwyn took on a strong looking Metropolitan side. Balwyn

scored 10 goals between them to help record a huge.

### Goalscorers

MFC - J.Julardzija 5, A.Redzepovic 5, H.Ikanovic 2, D.Redzepovic 2, A.Karic, FCB - D. Vasic 2, I. Gangoon 2, B.Bodo

### CF Brunswick 6-8 Moreland FC

Final game of round 1 pitted 2 sides who came out of the relegation battles. Brunswick had brought in Daniel Van Reyk, Joe Baker & Udit Dahwhan to bolster the stocks.

While Moreland went in with the same line up from their state league campaign. It was all Moreland early on as they jumped out to a 3-0 lead before the half.

The second half began in the same way as Moreland extended the lead to 6-1 before a late fight back from Brunswick gave them a chance but the deficit was too much for Brunswick to overhaul going down 8-6 in the end.

### GoalScorers

3, S.Kolay, S.Akyol

CFB - N. Yaw 3, D. Van Reyk 2, D.Duva MFC - T.Sumbul 3, B.Koca 1 Hume FC 1 0 0 16 0 +16 3 2 Metropolitan FC 5 +10 3 1 0 0 15 3 Pascoe Vale FC 1 1 0 0 +3 3 4 Moreland FC

V-League Standings

5 Fitzroy FC 1 0 0 4 6 Ashburton FC 0 1 0 3 3 0 7 Vic Vipers FC 0 1 0 8 CF Brunswick 9 FC Prahran 10 Brighton FC 11 FC Balwyn 1 0 0 1 5 15 -10 0 12 FC Essendon 1 0 0 1 0 16 -16 0

### **Round 1 Clashes Sunday November 11**

- 2:00pm Brighton FC 4-7 Pascoe Vale FC 3:00pm Ashburton FC 3-3 Vic Vipers FC
- 4:00pm FC Prahran 2-4 Fitzroy FC
   5:00pm FC Essendon 0-16 Hume FC
   6:00pm FC Balwyn 5-15 Metropolitan FC
   7:00pm CF Brunswick 6-8 Moreland FC

### **Round 2 Clashes Wednesday November 14**

- 6:30 Brighton FC vs Ashburton FC
- 7:20 Vic Vipers FC vs CF Brunswick
   8:10 Pascoe Vale FC vs FC Balwyn
- 9:00 Metropolitan FC vs FC Prahran
- 10:40 Moreland FC vs FC Essendon

### **Top Goal Scorers**

1. Juso Julardzija – Metro- 5 2. Alija Redzepovic – Metro - 5 3. Shayan Rashidi – Hume - 3

Burukhan Koca - Mor - 3 5. Resit Culculoglu Hume - 3

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possible way.

one goal between the sides go-

ing to Adam Husseni to kick

start their campaign in the best

Matteo Rocca (back) grabbed a last minute equalizer to salvage a point

for his Ashburton side. Photo By Matt Montgomery

Prahran in a round 1 block-

buster Prahran had added

Ivan Zilic, Marcos Barbosa

and James Szabo to their



### GW's **NICK GUOTH** recently travelled to Asia and brings us a special feature with insights into the wonderful world of football in Singapore.

### Singapore Football

In 2007 Australia made its way to South-East Asia to participate in Asian Cup with great expectations. We all know what happened. A few weeks prior to the opening match, and to assist in acclimatising to the conditions, Australia played a match at the Singapore's old National Stadium against the home country. They won 3-0. Since then there have been similarities in the progress of both

nations on the football field. Both had their moments in the sun, at different levels, yet at this stage, both are struggling to fulfil the expectations their fans strive for. In 2013 Singapore are expected to have a full single entry into the AFC Asian Champions League, an upgrade from the qualifier they had to be involved in previously. While their national team strug gles the national competition, the S.League, is still recognised as one of the top ten leagues in Asia. Yet, what do we know of Singapore football and its connection to

The Football Association of Singapore is one of the oldest in Asia, let alone the world. Founded as the Singapore Amateur Football Association in 1892, the Association now boasts a number of leagues and a healthy junior program that shows promise for the future of the game in this

Australia?

Although Singapore football has strong links to the early British administration of the island, it is through links with Malaysia that

Singapore S.League

Japan, the J-League. We know

Australia has the A-League,

about the K-League and too

many others. Too add to the

Singapore has taken the "S'

now shortening list of letters,

and has the S.League. Found-

the older of the letter-leagues. Football competitions have taken

ed in 1996, it is also one of

place in Singapore for well over

a century. Yet, up until the late

League commenced. It was a

ing the island in the Malaysian

teams - Darwin Cubs and Perth

pate. The latter were invincible,

had won each season since the

The Perth Kangaroos entered

they were unable to take part in

the Australian National Soccer

League. There were promises,

with big television rights, of a

The Perth Kangaroos would

become Perth Glory and were

season. While there may have

connection with Singapore, we

may never have seen the great

Perth Glory teams of the latter

Including teams from outside

progression for the S.League.

Albirex Niigata FC (Japan),

of Singapore has been a natural

Currently the competition boasts

DPMM FC (Brunei) and Harimau

Muda (Malaysia). Yet, the number

of other foreign clubs that have

chosen to challenge the Singapor-

eans is quite astonishing. From

China were Beijing Guoan, Dalian

Shide Siwu, Lianong Guangyuan

admitted to the NSL the following

been another avenue, without the

never eventuated.

years of the NSL.

South East Asian league, but that

the Singapore competition as

competition's inception.

terminating the domination of the

local Geylang International which

Kangaroos – chose to partici-

League and Malaysian Cup.

1980s, it was somewhat unstructured. In 1988 the FAS Premier

poorly followed league as the best

Singapore players were represent-

# The Football Future of the Singapore Lions



Singapore Sling: Julien Durand performs a bicycle kick for Gombak bulls in a recent S.league match against Geylang. Photo: NICK GUOTH

progress is now made. Teams from Malaysia have participated in Singaporean competitions and vice-versa. In 2012 the Lions XII ran second in the Malaysia Super League, while Harimau Muda completed their inaugural season in the S.League with a creditable fourth place. Both clubs have strong links to the national teams. At the time of writing, both Singapore's and Malaysia's FIFA ranking was only 163, a far cry from the highest of 73rd back in August 1993. Since 2000, the best ranking has been 92nd during the early period of Radojko Avramovic

Australia has had a strong repre-

sentation in Singapore. The Singapore Lions team that participated in the Malaysian League in the last century contained such imports as Abbas Saad, Alastair Edwards (Joeys Coach), Craig Foster (SBS commentator) and Warren Spink. Others to have participated in the S.League include Bryan Soane, Andrew Durante, Christian Ceverini, Brian Bothwell, Scott O'Donnell, Darren Stewart, Paul O'Grady, Jimmy Bakis, Hussein Akil, Goran Subara, Mark McGough, Peter Bennett, P I. Roberts, Wayne O'Sullivan, Stewart Petrie and André Gumprecht. Yet, the oldest and not only still playing at 42, but a Singapore citi-

zen and a constant representative in the national team, is Aleksandar Duric who has spent time in Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide having played for a number of NSL

Australian representation is not just left to the players with a number of coaches, and as I will discuss in another article, a couple of teams. The list of Australians and those who have been involved in Australia include Darren Stewart, Scott O'Donnell, Jimmy Shoulder, Steve Darby and Dave

The national team, called the Lions, have a patchy history when it comes to matches against Australia. The very first match took place in 1928 when an Australian team touring the Netherlands East Indies (now Indonesia) took a side trip to Singapore and the Malaysian States. Australia took out that match 1-0. In total, the two countries have met seven times, six of these in Singapore and once

in South Vietnam (1967), with six wins and the one 0-0 draw in 2008. Singapore's results in major tournaments have been rather poor. Only once, in 1984, have they qualified for the Asian Cup and on no occasion have they made it to the World Cup. Closer to home their record is more commendable, three times winner of the ASEAN Football Championship, which included a 15-game winning streak in that event. There has been much prom-

ise, and with the search for a new coach begins a new era. Avramovic, known affectionately to Singaporeans as "Raddy", has had a long career spaning nearly a decade with the Lions. There have been many rumours of Raddy's successor, one such being Steve Darby, who many may remember coached Sydney Olympic in the late 1990s. Another is Aide Iskander, the most capped (121) player in the history of Singapore football and assistant coach to



Singapore's 42 year old legend, Aleksander Duricin. Photo: NICK GUOTH

Yet, there is also some controversy. In an attempt to return to the Malaysian competition, Singapore has created a club called Lions XII Made up mainly of national team players or those with promise to be part of the Lions, this club only ran second in Malaysia. The controversy, however, lies in that during the season there was little or no input from the national coach or any of his assistant coaches.

That is not to say that the current coach of the Young Lions, V. Sundramoorthy, did not do a good job, but questions must be asked why the 29 players involved did not have any connection here with the national coach.

At a recent international against India, there was a possibility that players would not be available due to the possibility of participating in the Malaysian Cup Final. Fortunately, the club v country controvery did not eventuate, but for a club supposedly representing the country and made up of many of the country's elite, questions remain. For Singapore football's sake, hopefully this will never be



South Melbourne FC progressed to the semi finals of the Singapore Cup in 2010. Photo: CINDY NITSOS

and Sinchi FC, Etoile FC from France and Super Red FC from In 1994, Australia became part Japan are some of note. of the Premier League when two

Australia's contribution has been limited with South Melbourne FC the only Australian club to make the trip north in the past ten years, challenging for the Singapore Cup in 2010 and 2011.

The Singapore Cup has also attracted many top 'second-level' Asian teams including Kitchee (Hong Kong) and Bangkok Glass and Chonburi FC (Thailand). Recently the FAS announced the structure for the 2013 competition with some significant alterations to

Gombak United has dropped out, thus reducing the number of teams to twelve. This will now result in a 2 ½ round robin, in the style of the Scottish Premier League where after the initial home and away matches the clubs will be split into top six and bottom

Prize money awarded is being increased with SGD250,000 for the winners and SGD100,000 for the Cup winners. The FAS is hoping that new cash deployment will attract better players given more finances for salaries.

The number of foreign players will increase from four to five with one of these a "star" player. This marquee player concept has been copied from Australia and while they are not hopeful of a Heskey

or a Del Piero, if they can attract some players of class, the League hopes to increase their attendance

Finally, unlike nearly all Leagues around the world, the S-League has a number of requirements for participation placed on the players. Owing to the strains of playing in 28-30C evening temperatures and humidity that can reach 90% at game time, the fitness of the play-

In the past each player had to pass a Beep Test which is a shuttle run over a period of time. This test is now to be replaced by a 2.4km run which, to meet a minimum aerobic standard, outfield players must complete this in 10.5 minutes and goalkeepers in 12 minutes. I am thinking about how many of the A-League players would not pass! All of these new, and some innovative measures, are being brought in to resurrect the dwindling crowds found at the games. Five years ago, crowds of 1,000 were regular at games and the noise from the singing and chanting by the supporters' groups was never ending. Now, it seems like a funeral at the games with barely a few hundred seen.

There is hope for the S-League and, with the possible automatic entry to the AFC Champions League, a strong future for the game overall in Singapore.

### Singapore Youth, Other **Leagues and the Future**

The result of 2008 when the Singapore national team held Australia to a 0-0 draw was mirrored in July this year during the U22 Asian Qualifiers held in Indonesia. Australia qualified for the inaugural Asian U22 Asian Cup to be held in Oman next year, Singapore finished fourth in the six team group.

Yet the scoreless draw against Australia was hailed as a success, one built on strong youth development programmes. As with some of the A-League clubs, all S.League clubs have fully implemented Centre of Excellence programs for U14s, U16s and U18s. These complement the national age programs of the National Football Academy (NFA) that cover players down to U8s and from U15s through to U18s plus the Young Lions, the Singapore Olympic squad. The Young Lions are one of the teams participating in the S.League and thus also get to practice against players much stronger, older and wiser than themselves. In 2012 the Young Lions, finished 10th of the 13 teams in the competition. The fruits of their endeavours was shown in the recent U22 competition. Yet that is not where the NFA

and youth football finishes in Singapore. The schools have strong competitions with venues that would make some major clubs in Australia sit up and take notice. Such are the facilities at the public schools in Singapore that there is little excuse for any lack of

improvement in quality. While the Young Lions match their skills in the S.League, the



Raddy - Radojko Avramovic. Photo: NICK GUOTH

other S.League clubs participate in the Prime League, a league for U23s. The Prime League gives the youth, those from the centres of excellence programs, a chance to progress to the S.League and beyond. The NFA's U18s also compete in the Prime League. While this all may sound rosy for youth in Singapore, there is a single hurdle that all youth players suffer. This is National Service. When a Singaporean male reaches the age of 18 they must register for a 22 to 24 month period of fulltime National Service.

Thus, when these players have completed their service, they become disinterested, or have chosen other careers. Distractions like working on a University degree mean that football takes a back seat and the S.League suffers. Many choose to continue their careers in the lesser leagues of Singapore. The second level is called the National Football

League (NFL). This three tier

amateur competition includes teams from all over the island. Yet while many suburbs are represented in some way, the top two teams are nearly always the Singapore Recreation Club and the Singapore Cricket Club, both with a strong British heritage. The NFL clubs, together with the Prime League clubs, also participate in the Singapore FA Cup which this past year saw a 3rd Division club, Siglap CSC, nearly become giant killers failing at the last hurdle in losing 2-0 to Balestier Khalsa FC of the Prime League.

Thus, what is the future of football in Singapore? There is a strong message emerging from the offices of the FA of Singapore and improvements have been made in the running of the S.League. The youth teams are producing favourable results, yet the biggest question will be who will fill the shoes of Raddy and take Singapore the next step, the World Cup?





### By Francis Fields

The joyous celebrations of the Fluminense players were evident after conquering the 2012 Brazilian Championship last weekend with three rounds still to go. There were however scenes of panic after the club charter flight return to Rio de Janeiro underwent emergency

Such was the scare as three landing attempts failed on the runway at the Rio international airport. After the pilot advised the situation and handled control of the situation the jet brought the newly-crowned champions safe and sound.

It was at Presidente Prudente where Fluminense got the better of Luiz Felipe Scolari's struggling giants Palmeiras 3-2 and guaranteed its fourth ever title and its second in the last three seasons. Back in 2010 Fluminense won and in 2011 they finished third.

"It was just like the game, it was relaxed and then all of a sudden in the end we went through a bit of drama before scoring the titlewinning goal. The flight was like this also. We were cool and then there was trouble upon landing. There was a lot of tension but now we're all celebrating, there's only joy and positive energy", affirmed goalkeeper Diego Cavalieri.

Upon arrival at the terminal, there were thousands of faithful fans waiting at the club headquarters for the party to begin as the players were transported from a fire brigade truck. Partying and football, of course only in Rio.

Still on Brazil, there is disconcerting speculation that Santos star Neymar is spending his way into financial bankruptcy.

Forbes' Brazilian-based writer Anderson Antunes has pointed out a very grim realistic present of not just Brazil's economic boom and wealth especially around football. There have been a list of former well-known Brazilian legends who have filed for bankruptcy.

The point is however that Neymar is only just 20 years of age. Perhaps he could ask former great Ronaldo for some advice from his well-invested net worth of up to \$250 million.

Apart from the destiny and motivation to play for the Samba Kings as hosts in the next World Cup, he is the highest paid player in the Latin American continent taking \$40 million per year from total earnings -

including his \$4m from Santos. In the past weeks he was given a standing ovation from rival fans which speaks for itself and has tallied 12 goals to date in the current Brasileirao despite a three-week absence due to the London Games

back in August.

Just in about two years, Neymar reportedly bought a \$750,000 triplex and a \$2 million mansion in a gated community, both located in the Northern Coast of the state of Sao Paulo; a \$150,000 flat in Sao Paulo, capital district, and a Porsche Panamera Turbo, which came with a price tag ranging from \$400,000

# Fluminense Survive Flight Scare after Rocking in Rio



Scenes of celebration from the charter flight moments before the troubled landing.

to \$550,000. He also gave the 18-

year-old mother of his only child a

penthouse worth about \$1 million

in Santos, plus \$15,000 per month

The icing of the cake however

was his purchase of a ridiculously

expensive second-hand Italian

yacht, which cost him a reported

\$8 million, not to mention its

maintenance expenses of roughly

\$120,000 per year and an average

decrease in value of 5% to 10% by

year, according to people familiar

The problem lies in his public

figure at his tender age. Brazil of

course is a football haven but finan-

cial advisors in Sao Paulo and in

the UK have no doubts he is over-

spending. Without a doubt his em-

Neymar's behaviour also seems to

be supported by the club and it is

one of the worst-kept secrets be-

hind a strategy to retain him from

the lures of Europe - particularly

To be bending rules to keep the

wonderkid happy can be seen as

unprofessional and debatable,

bearing in mind Neymar is in the

"Neymar is on the upswing and

will be making good money for an-

other 10+ years," warned Forbes'

senior editor Kurt Badenhausen.

"It is still a little disconcerting

THE URUGUAYAN DERBY OF

The high-profile Uruguayan

derby at the Centenario ended

in a stalemate. In what carries

a tradition and following that

divides the football-mad coun-

try and not one for the faint-

hearted, Peñarol played host to

This clash of the Uruguayan titans

was the fixture of the season and

for round 11 in the Uruguayan

Opening championship or Aper-

In front of 50,000 screaming fans

who provided plenty of fireworks

Nacional last weekend.

Barcelona and Madrid.

beginning of his career.

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and colour as expected. The football on the pitch however was not a reflection of the colour in the

Plenty of attacking display from the locals, coached by Jorge 'Polilla' Da Silva did show superiority over Nacional particularly in the first half. A long-range effort hit the crossbar from Jorge Zambrana and a freekick by fan favourite Fabián Estoyanoff also hitting the woodwork were the highlights as Jorge Bava in the Nacional goal grabbed all the headlines for his heroics.

On the other end, Tricolor idol Álvaro Recoba coming back from injury was far from his best. A longrange effort and a through-ball from youngster Adrián Luna making his derby debut by rounding Peñarol goalkeeper Danilo Leda only to be cleared off the line by former Uruguay international defender Darío Rodríguez were the highlights of the second half.

And yet another effort this time from former Juventus forward and veteran Marcelo Zalayeta for Peñarol three minutes from the final whistle, hit the post to the dismay of the boisterous local supporters. Peñarol remains at the top with 24 points with Defensor Sporting and El Tanque Sisley breathing behind their neck in equal 2nd while arch enemies Nacional are on twenty in fourth spot.

### COPA LIBERTADORES

With the Mexican play-offs deciding its 3 representatives for next year's Copa Libertadores edition with weeks to the opening draw, there are already 20 qualified teams from CONME-BOL as its northern neighbours qualify as invitees.

Next month on the 21st of December in the office headquarters in Asunción, the best of the best from across the Americas will be sorted out. Argentina's Tigre is the latest to join the qualified select group as Argentina's best performing from the current Copa Sudamericana. The current pool stands with: Ar-

gentina; Arsenal de Sarandí, Tigre, Bolivia; The Strongest, San José, Brazil; Corinthians, Fluminense, Palmeiras, Atlético Mineiro, Chile; Universidad de Chile and Deportes Iquique, Colombia; Independiente de Santa Fe, Ecuador; Barcelona, Paraguay; Cerro Porteño, Peru; Sporting Cristal, Uruguay; Nacional, Peñarol and Defensor Sporting and finally Venezuela; Deportivo Lara, Caracas FC and Deportivo Anzoátegui.

### LIGA MX PLAY-OFFS READY

In Mexico the play-off series are well and truly under way. A top spot finish by Toluca and a second spot finish for Club Tijuana secured their spots in the groups stage of the Copa Libertadores for 2013 with a 2-0 victory over Chivas coached by none other than John Van 't Schip at the Omnilife stadium in Guadalajara to close last week of the regular season.

The Xolos of Tijuana have performed a remarkable season and the 2-0 away win was an efficient counter-attacking display despite Chivas being better organised. It took Mexican international and Olympic gold medallist Marco Fabián several shots on target only to be denied by Xolos goalkeeper Cirilo Saucedo, exciting the Guadalajara faithful in the stands.

The schedule and details of the first round of the Mexican league play-offs were announced earlier in the week with home-and-away fixtures to be played on Wednesday-Saturday and Thursday-Sunday schedules to determine the four semi finalists.

It kicks off mid-week with Cruz Azul hosting León in Mexico City while Chivas, which fell into the eighth spot will face overall tournament leader Toluca at the Estadio Omnilife in the late game on Thursday, before a return match Sunday (Monday AEST) at noon in Toluca. Club Tijuana visits two-time defending CONCACAF Champions League winner Monterrey in an



Juan Manuel Olivera of Peñarol in disbelief after his side squandered numerous chances against Nacional.

early week game with the visit to Baja California set to wrap up quarter final action later in the weekend.

In the other Wednesday-Saturday fixtures, Morelia hosts giants América with the return leg set for next weekend at the colossal Azteca stadium in Mexico City.

### MLS PLAY-OFFS UPDATE

The Seattle Sounders must cling to hope in the secondleg in what is to be a sell-out. They've kept a clean sheet for eight matches from 17 games so they have reason to come back. Smashing six past the Galaxy during two regular-season wins means its attacking trio have all to play for in Eddie Johnson, Fredy Montero and the return from injury of Argentinian Mauro Rosales.

Irishman Robbie Keane is on fire with the Galaxy scoring twice, as Mike Magee added his latest goal to his tally as the Los Angeles Galaxy beat the Seattle Sounders 3-0 in the first-leg last Sunday night to take a commanding lead in the MLS Western Conference finals. Defending champions Galaxy are on a quest to their third MLS Cup appearance in four years.

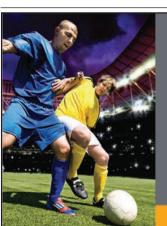
Over to the Eastern Conference with bad weather thankfully behind, Houston Dynamo beat D.C. United 3-1 earlier last Sunday in their first leg. Andre Hainault, Will Bruin and Kofi Sarkodie each scored secondhalf goals to give the Dynamo an extended home unbeaten streak to 30 games, dating to June 18, 2011. Houston is four wins or ties shy of matching Real Salt Lake's leaguerecord 34-game home unbeaten

The win gives Houston a two-goal aggregate lead heading into next Sunday's decisive match at RFK Stadium in Washington. United will have to win that match by three goals to advance.

If Los Angeles survives and Houston wrap up their respective Eastern Conference finals the MLS Cup would be a rematch of last season's game, when David Beckham and the Galaxy won it all at the Home Depot Center.



LA Galaxy and Houston Dynamo are on course to meet in the MLS Cup again.



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### **London Calling**



### By Samuel Collins

In October 1982, compact disc players were made available for the first time, and Disney World had just opened EPCOT. Sylvester Stallone had just starred as Rambo in 'First Blood' and Madonna had just released her debut single 'Everybody'.

This weekend, the elder West Bromich Albion fan might have encountered flashbacks of these eminent moments. For when referee Neil Swarbick blew his whistle at the DW stadium at 4.56pm, those fans had just realised something. Not since that month, 30 years ago, have the club begun a top-flight league campaign in better form. Three decades ago, it was Cyrille Regis, Martin Jol, Romeu Zondervan and co who led the Baggies to second place after eleven league fixtures. On Saturday, it was Shane Long, Youssouf Mulumbu, James Morrison et al who secured West Brom's second win in six days. Monday night saw Steve Clarke's side brush off struggling Southampton at the Hawthorns courtesy of two goals from Peter Odemwingie. Against Wigan, the Nigerian forward was on the bench. It's a measurement of the strength in depth that this 134-year old club can boast these days

When Roy Hodgson left his WBA post in May to guide his nation, there was concern. "I'm gutted," right-back Steven Reid admitted, "Roy will leave a massive gap." Irishman Long was decimated too. "He's the main reason that the club has kicked on in the last

By Alex Milic

The Serbian national team is

backing in the winning waters

following a 3:1 friendly win over

Chile in St.Gallen, Switzerland.

Partizan wonderkid Liubisa Mark

ovic opened the scoring in the 25th

minute, second half substitute Filip

Djordjevic made it 2:0, the Nantes

striker and currently top scorer in

Ligue 2 was given a chance to prove

himself in the friendly and he made

an immediate impact coming on at

the start of the second half, Djord-

jevic found the back of the net in the

47th minute. Herenveen starlet Filip

Djuricic netted the third in the 65th

minute while Chile scored a late con-

Brkic - Ivanovic (od 46. Rukavina),

Maksimovic, Tomovic, Kolarov (od

46. Lomic) - Petrovic, Milivojevic (od

85. Ignjovski), Markovic, Đuricic

(od 61. Tadic) - Sulejmani (od 61.

Radovanovic), M. Šcepovic (od 46.

In the Serbian Superliga, Partizan

has extended its lead at the top of

the standings to eight points follow-

ing Red Star's loss to OFK Beograd

in Round 12. The big match in Round

13 is the 'Eternal Derby' which can

prove to be vital after only 13 rounds

played, a win to Partizan will mean

solation goal through Henriquez.

Serbia team v Chile

Balkan

**Wrap** 

points.

# WBA roll back the years



two years." During his 15 months in the midlands, Hodgson led West Brom to 11th and 10th place in the Premier League. They became a team that few wanted to face. Chairman Jeremy Peace and technical director Dan Ashworth knew they had their work cut out in finding a replacement in the summer. Hodgson's assistant Keith Downing predicted a "big name" would take over, whilst Long asked for one. But one month later, Clarke was appointed. No one expected it. Why Clarke? Why a guy who has never managed before? Why someone who was just an assistant at Chelsea, West Ham then Liverpool over the last eight vears? Confusion from the fans was understandable. But, given the other candidates weren't prodigious Chris Hughton, Derek McInnes, Michael Appleton - and given Clarke's experience, functioning alongside Jose Mourinho, Kenny Dalglish and Gianfranco Zola, his unveiling wasn't as bewildering as it first seemed.

The victory against Wigan was West

that players are owed in excess of

months wages, while the club is in

Smederevo scored their first win of

the season as third placed Jagodina

fell at home 1:0. Fresh off their win

at the Marakana against Red Star,

a win to Simo Krunic's men would

have put them above Red Star and

into second place but they fell under

the pressure and gifted Smederevo

The other matches in Round 13 see

BSK Borca take on Donji Srem,

Vojvodina makes the long trip to Nis,

Jagodina is on the road when they

take on Spartak in Subotica, Novi

Pazar welcomes Javor. Radnicki is

up against Sloboda Uzice while Rad

their first win in 12 matches.

takes on Hajduk.

debt by 80m euros.

sit fifth, joint on twenty points with fourth-place Everton. The collection of attackers WBA hav France came from behind to secure a 2-1 win over European Championship finalists Italy in an international friendly at the Ennio Tardini.

The Netherlands have recorded a scoreless draw against Germany in Wednesday's international friendly at the Amsterdam ArenA. e assembled are the envy of several clubs in England. Long, Odemwingie, Romelu Lukaku, Marc-Antoine Fortune and Markus Rosenberg give Clarke a welcome headache every week, but it's in other areas where the team's catalysts are. In defence, vice-captain Jonas Olsson, aged 29 now, is arguably the most underrated centre-back in the league, and in central midfield. Mulumbu and Claudio Yacob give the Baggies energy and dynamism. The latter is proving to be one of the bargains of the season, a free signing from Racing club in Argentina, whilst Mulumbu's

reputation continues to rise week after week. Out wide, James Morrison and Chris Brunt provide ammunition for the front-line. And it was these two who put West Brom ahead at the DW too. Morrison heading Brunt's cross past Ali Al-Habsi. An own goal from Latics defender Gary Caldwell made it 2-0. Arouna Kone halved the deficit just before the interval, but Clarke watched his side hold on.

Clarke's tactical game plan is clear. The statistics show that only Stoke (42.5%) have less possession than West Brom (43.2%) in the Premier League. West Brom line up in a traditional 4-4-2, defend as team and counter as a team. "I know it sounds boring, but we just have to take it game to game," the 49-year old manager motionlessly says. And the next up is Chelsea, on Saturday. A home clash that sees former WBA coach Roberto Di Matteo return to a ground where he spent almost two vears. Before Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich confirmed Di Matteo's employment on a full-time basis in June, the Baggies' faithful flirted with the idea of the Champions League winning coach returning to the Hawthorns. But it's not necessary now. Now they've got Clarke. He may be insipid or not fit the "big name" criteria, but the 49-year old Scot is effective.

The West Brom eleven versus Wigan cost just £13.4m to accumulate. Three of the side were brought in on free transfers, one on loan and two for less than £200k. In season's gone by, memorably under Tony Mowbray, WBA were built on 'sticking to their principles' and 'playing the game the right way', but two relegations in three years (in 2006 &2009) suggest the more pragmatic methods of first Hodgson and now Clarke, undividedly suit the Baggies

And so 30 years later, it's not only Madonna and Stallone, but also West Brom who are still prospering.

# International Friendly Wrap

Portugal were made to pay for defensive indiscipline as Gabon earned a surprise 2-2 draw on Wednesday, while Serbia accounted for Chile.

Goals from Lazar Markovic, Filip Djordjevic and Filip Djuricic inspired Serbia to a 3-1 victory over 10-man Chile.

Juventus midfielder Arturo Vidal saw red with the hosts three goals down - his second dismissal in as many international games

The defeat also spelled the end of Claudio Borghi's tenure in charge of the national team, with the coach revealing he was fired after five successive losses.

"They've asked me to step aside, I'm no longer the coach of the Chilean national team," Borghi said.

"The evaluation is not good, I had a meeting with the directors and they asked me to step aside.

Russia and the United States were unable to be separated as they played out a 2-2 draw in Krasnodar. Fabio Capello's men hit the front courtesy of a Fedor Smolov goal in just the ninth minute but Michael Bradley levelled the match with 14 minutes remaining.

Roman Shirokov restored the hosts' advantage with a 84th minute penalty before Mikkel Diskerud salvaged a draw deep into injury time.

In other results on Wednesday, a manager-less Scotland edged Luxembourg 2-1 and Romania claimed a 2-1 victory over **Belgium** thanks to goals from Alexandru Maxim and Gabriel Torje.

Edinson Cavani and Luis Suarez both found the back of the net as Uruguay cruised past Poland 3-1, while Turkey and Denmark played

out a 1-1 draw. David Lafata bagged a brace in the opening six minutes as the Czech Republic defeated Slovakia 3-0, Greece clinched a 1-0 win in Ireland thanks to a first-half strike from Jose Holebas and Austria fell to a 3-0 loss against Ivory Coast.

Defender Jonathan Caruana lifted

Malta to a 1-0 victory against visiting Liechtenstein, Ukraine prevailed 1-0 in Bulgaria, Bosnia-Herzegovina edged hosts Algeria 1-0 and Finland powered past Cyprus 3-0. Meanwhile, Switzerland emerged 3-0 victors in Tunisia, Norway recorded a 2-0 triumph in Hungary, Belarus shocked Israel 2-1, Armenia trounced Lithuania 4-2, Andorra suffered a 2-0 defeat at the hands of Iceland and New Zealand played out a 1-1 draw with China. France came from behind to secure a 2-1 win over European Championship finalists Italy in an international friendly at the Ennio

The Netherlands have recorded a scoreless draw against Germany at the Amsterdam ArenA.



### Ibrahimovic nets four as Sweden beat England had left off after the break with

Zlatan Ibrahimovic netted four goals, including a stunning fourth as Sweden came from behind to claim a 4-2 victory England in Stockholm.

Roy Hodgson handed debuts to three men with Steven Caulker. Leon Osman and Raheem Sterling all featuring, while captain Steven Gerrard became only the sixth man to win 100 England caps After a low-key start by both

sides it was perhaps fitting that Ibrahimovic opened the scoring in Sweden's brand new Friends Arena after 20 minutes.

Yet after a lacklustre start the visitors slowly came to life and equalised 10 minutes before the break. Sterling began the move with a great ball out wide to Ashlev Young.

The Manchester United winger's cross into the box was inviting and duly stabbed home first time by Danny Welbeck - the striker's fifth shot on target for his country and, impressively, his fifth goal. And just three minutes later the visitors were ahead. Again Sterling was involved, drawing a foul on the edge of the area.

Up stepped captain Gerrard with another fine delivery, who swung a ball into the far post where Caulker was on hand to side foot home from close range under pressure from two defenders for a debut goal and a half-time lead. England continued where they

Young inches away from a third goal and there were even more reason for visiting fans to cheer on the hour mark when Jack Wilshere made his long-awaited return to international football. The Arsenal midfielder's arrival was swiftly followed by Carl Jenkinson, Tom Huddlestone and Rvan Shawcross vet the substitu-

tions appeared to have disrupted

England with Ibrahimovic equalis-

ing within minutes of the trio's arrival. A simple pass from substitute Anders Svensson found the striker unmarked in the box and he struck a sweet volley past Hart to level the scores with his 37th

Ibrahimovic was not finished there. With just five minutes remaining. Sweden were awarded a free kick some 25 yards out. There was never any question over who was going to take the kick, Ibrahimovic duly stepped up and fired it low. and past Hart into the corner of the goal for his hat trick.

international goal.

The game was won, and the headlines written, but there was still time for Ibrahimovic to provide the outstanding moment of the match. With 90 minutes on the clock, a weak-clearing header by Hart fell to the striker who grabbed his fourth of the night in unforgettable style with an overhead kick from more than 30 vards.

### an eleven point buffer between the rivals while three points for Red Star will put them back in the running and cut Partizan's deficit to five Red Star has struggled in recent weeks, with changes to the board as Vladan Lukic resigned and has since been replaced by Yugoslav and Serbian golden player, club legend Dragan Dzajic who returns to the club once more in a bid to put the 'red and whites' back on the right track. There has also been reports



Montenegro moves top of their World Cup group

Montenegro has moved to top of Group H in 2014 World Cup Qualifying and extended their unbeaten run to seven games with a 3-0 victory against San

Andrija Delibašic opened the scoring on 14 minutes and grabbed his second of the game to double the advantage just past the half-hour. The game followed a similar pattern after the break and Elsad Zverotic com-

pleted the scoring on 68 minutes. Delibašic looked lively early on and it did not take long for the Rayo Vallecano de Madrid to make the breakthrough, converting Vladimir Volkov's cross from the left. The 31-year-old did not need a second invitation to extend the lead on 31 minutes, redirecting Mitar Novakovic's header past a helpless Aldo Simoncini in the San Marino goal.

There was little change after the break as the hosts controlled the game and they scored a third when Zverotic collected a Luka Diordievic pass and finished with aplomb. Delibašic almost completed his hattrick late on but his shot struck a post. Branko Brnovic's side will end the year top of Group H, two points clear of England, and return to action against Moldova on 22 March 2013

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By Andrew Bishara

## **Hughes' QPR** facing scrutiny

After a summer spree of bringing in new players to climb up the table, following a nail-biting survival to avoid the drop last season, QPR's performances haven't lived up to the billing.

One must only look at the players that have joined to question and wonder why QPR are sitting on the bottom of the Premier League with zero wins to their name. This is not a list of unfulfilled talent, waiting to be released; nor do they come from relegations battled clubs or from the Championship.

A quick glace suggests that these are proven players from high performance teams that have dominated both the English and European game. The names speak for themselves: Park Ji-Sung (from Manchester United), Jose Bosingwa (Chelsea), Stephane Mbia (Marseille), Estaban Granero (Real Madrid) and goalkeeper Iulio Cesar (Internazionale), Add rising young gun Junior Hoilett (Blackburn) and Brazilian wingback Fabio Da Silva from Manchester United.

The list is as impressive as ever; most have played in championship winning sides, from Park to Granero. Even three of them have lifted the Champions League: Bosingwa, Cesar and Park.

Not to mention the already established list of players at QPR: their Argentine captain, Alejandro Fau-



Too hot to sit down: Mark Hughes feels the heat in the QPR hot seat

rlín, Bobby Zamora, Djibril Cissé, Shaun Wright-Phillips and Moroccan whiz kid Adel Taarabt.

After 11 games, they have only managed four points to their name; courtesy of four draws. They've conceded 20 goals (not as bad as Southampton with 29 already) and this seems to issue: a poor defensive record and lack of spark up front. On three occasions this season, they have lost by a onegoal margin – illustrating that they can't stop conceding goals (only once this season, have they not let the opposition score: a 0-0 with Chelsea) and aren't good enough to score that goal to get that win.

Yes, there is that concession that with basically a new team on the pitch, it will take time for the understanding and the gelling that occurs between footballers, but football is a results business. And Mark Hughes isn't doing himself any favours.

Chairman Tony Fernandes has publicly backed the Welshman, after rumours circling of his tenure coming to an end. Read what you will of it, but it spells to two things: that patience for Hughes is running thin, both from fans and critics alike. Secondly, Fernandes has given the "chairman's kiss of death" - that message that you better lift your game, or your time

This was made worse, when Fernandes decided to vent his frustrations to on social media. Criticising the team's shortcomings at both ends of the pitch, he finished with "Must win next...

The twittersphere when into overdrive. What does that mean? Is it a warning to Mark Hughes that his time is up? Is an ultimatum: win against Southampton in a relegation six-pointer or you're done

Hughes though is made of sterner stuff; accepting that is the worst run in his career as a manager. It needs to happen next week," Hughes said.

"I'm confident that, given the effort and determination of the players to turn this round, we'll be fine. There is still time to turn it. around, but the longer it goes on, the more likely it is that we get involved in the type of season we had last year and that's not what

### **ENGLAND** EPL

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3 Chelsea	11	7	3	1	23	11	+12	24	DDLWW
4 Everton	11	5	5	1	21	14	+7	20	WDDDD
5 West Bromwich	11	6	2	3	17	12	+5	20	WWLLW
6 West Ham United	11	5	3	3	14	11	+3	18	WDLWL
7 Tottenham Hotspur	11	5	2	4	18	16	+2	17	LLWLW
8 Arsenal	11	4	4	3	18	11	+7	16	DLWLW
9 Fulham	11	4	4	3	24	19	+5	16	DDDWD
10 Newcastle United	11	3	5	3	12	15	-3	14	LDWDL
11 Swansea City	11	3	4	4	16	15	+1	13	DDLWD
12 Stoke City	11	2	6	3	9	10	-1	12	WLDLD
13 Liverpool	11	2	6	3	14	16	-2	12	DDDWD
14 Wigan Athletic	11	3	2	6	12	18	-6	11	LWWLD
15 Norwich City	11	2	5	4	8	18	-10	11	DWDWL
16 Sunderland	10	1	6	3	7	11	-4	9	LLDDL
17 Aston Villa	11	2	3	6	10	17	-7	9	LWDLL
18 Reading	10	0	6	4	12	18	-6	6	DDDLD
19 Southampton	11	1	2	8	15	29	-14	5	DLLLD
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### One To Watch This Weekend..

Regardless of the result of the North London Derby, it won't have such a disasterous effect compared to QPR v Southampton: 20th versus 19th in a match that has "fired" written all over it. With both Hughes and Saints boss Nigel Atkins in the firing line, could this be the end of one their tenures in the Premier League?

City: they wilted under pressure Spurs though are not aiming that high. Defender William Gallas (who transferred from Arsenal) believes that his team must be their rivals this weekend if they are to reach their objective for the

season: fourth place. "If we believe in it, we can finish fourth - but there are so many teams who want to finish fourth as well," he said in the Sun. "Now we have the big derby with Arsenal, and we need a good result there. "After what we did at United

[where Tottenham beat them 3-2], we have to believe we can win anywhere. We have to be convinced we can do something at Arsenal." Of course, this is a heated derby and regardless of the team's ambitions, getting one over your bitter rivals is as good as ever.

"In my time, they [Arsenal] used to be involved in the title race every year and we finished ninth or tenth. That has changed now, said Spurs Assistant Steffan Fre-

"There are only two of these games every season. We are re-I can't wait for that game."

### **EPL Preview.**

The big games keep coming thick and fast this season with the North London Derby on show for the public eye this weekend.

Arsenal will be travelling to White Hart Lane to face their bitter neighbours Tottenham. This clash has built some steam over the last few years, given the rise of Spurs and the fall of Arsenal. The two lock horns after their disappointing performances last weekend.

Arsenal were up by two, then down by one, then had the chance to win it at the end with a penalty, but missed that too. They were fragile at the back and Fulham were happy to take advantage. The only positive from that thrilling 3-3 draw, was the performance of French hit-man Oliver Giroud. The Ligue 1 golden boot winner is slowly finding his feet at the Gunners; adapting to the pace of the English game.

Tottenham were in a similar boat, except ending up dropping three points instead of gaining three. Up by a goal, (thanks to defender Stephen Caulker) against champions in the second half. Edin Dzeko so often the saviour for City this season, once again, rose to the occasion, netting a superb strike with minutes to go, to break Spurs' Which makes this derby all that

more important. Spurs are in seventh, one point ahead of their rivals, but it was Arsenal who were making all the headlines off the pitch. Eleven points off the top of the table, Arsene Wenger has insisted that the Gunners are still in the title race.

"Of course, yes why not?" he said, when his side's ambition as questioned. "We had come through three difficult games, especially the first two. We had to recover from the United game and then we gave it all in Germany" "All of us were disappointed not to

beat Fulham. Our performances are not as big a disaster as some people like to portray them and I still have great belief in this team.' If Wenger is to hold to his word that his team is still within challenging from the title, he has to get them together for this weekend's game.

ally close to our biggest rival and

### **London Eye**





### By Eddie Gray

The Championship could arguably be described as the most exciting league in England.

A division where any team can beat anyone on any given day, it keeps fans on the edge of their seats no matter which team they support.

Filled with goals, incidents and controversy all the way up to the final day of the season, it provides numerous talking points with the unexpected seemingly coming every weekend.

But despite its unique ability to enthral there hasn't always been the individual talent that has gone on to step up to the major leagues and make a real impact on the world stage.

There have been players who have graduated from the Championship who have gone on to represent their country and called 'bigger' teams, Joleon Lescott being one, but the division has not recently produced exciting stars that could go on to set the European scene alight.

Until now. Wilfred Zaha of Crystal Palace shot to prominence at the beginning of last year and has not looked back since. When he burst into the public

eye the wide man was rough and unpolished but clearly with obvious talent. After his introduction to playing regular first team football, which came under recently departed boss Dougie Freedman, Zaha became the star he is today.

At the start of his career the winger would often overplay and not deliver in the final third but that is now a thing of the past, much to the dismay of opposition managers and defenders.

Zaha's pace, skill and direct style of play has made many fullbacks look silly this season which has resulted in the recently turned 20 year old often being marked by more than one defender.

His ability and potential is frightening with many Premier League clubs already searching for his signature.

Arsenal, whose reputation for building young stars is in no doubt, have been the most strongly linked to the Palace man with rumours of a £9,000,000 bid coming in January but with his current club wanting closer to the £20,000,000 mark Arsene Wegner may be priced out of a

There is no doubt that Zaha is destined for the top flight,



Wilfred Zaha

whether that be with Palacewho currently sit top of the Championship or a transfer to a top division team; the only question is when will he display his ability at the highest level?

But it's not only on the domestic scene where Zaha is a wanted

As the attacker possesses duel nationality, he is eligible to compete for both England and the Ivory Coast, both countries are doing everything in their power to get him to commit to their nation.

England and Roy Hodgson have

called him up to their squad for their friendly against Sweden in a bid to convince him to side with them, plus reward his achievements this year, whereas the Ivory Coast have called in their biggest hitter.

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Thomas Ince

Didier Drogba who is a national treasure back in his homeland recently took to the phone in a bid to sway Zaha's decision towards the Elephants.

The Palace academy graduate has been open to playing for the country of his birth, the Ivory Coast, in the past but we will have to wait until January

when the African Cup of Nations comes around for the youngster to decide his international future. But no matter where his future

lies the raw potential of Zaha is clear for all to see. Elsewhere in the Champion-

ship, although slightly behind the exploits of Zaha, is Thomas Ince of Blackpool. Ince - who is the son of England

legend Paul - has, like his divisional rival, looked unplayable at times this campaign.

Both have similar traits, Ince is

also direct, quick and positive, but they differ as the Blackpool wide man is predominantly left footed despite playing from the This enables Ince to cut in from

his wide position and shoot with his stronger foot which makes him difficult to mark as well as a real goal threat. But he is not just a one trick

His ability to go either side of the fullback makes him extremely difficult to tie down and leaves opposing defenders with little idea which way he is going.

His success has not gone unnoticed either.

Rumoured to be available for £8 million, Newcastle have supposedly been one of the sides to be looking closely at the England Under 21 international, whose contract at the Seasiders is coming to an end of the year.

Like Zaha, Ince's future looks destined for bigger and better

The Championship has developed two major stars that should set the Premier League alight in the next ten years as well as in European competition.

Both have the potential to reassert themselves in the top flight and be key players for whatever team they are representing due to their undoubted

So keep an eye out in the future for the names: Wilfred Zaha and Thomas Ince.





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By Luca Cetta

### **Lazio** paint the capital blue

Lazio enjoyed a third straight Derby della Capitale victory as Juventus and Napoli returned to winning ways. It was a disap pointing weekend in Milan as Fiorentina and Atalanta inflicted defeat on both halves of the city. There are those in Rome who

prefer Derby success to Scudetto glory. And with only five championships between the two clubs, a positive season and bragging rights can often hinge on these two matches. The Giallorossi's build-up centred on the speculation surrounding Daniele De Rossi. The future captain has been the subject of interest from Manchester City and a somewhat strained relationship with coach Zdenek Zeman has not helped. For Lazio, a midweek win over Panathinaikos gave much needed momentum after a weekend drubbing.

Inclement weather hit all corners of the peninsula on the weekend, vet a typically boisterous atmosphere welcomed this ever fiery derby. Minutes in the power was cut in some sections of the stadium, leading to a mini-blackout. Fans amused themselves by working their cigarette lighters as Roma fans chanted at Lazio President Claudio Lotito to 'pay the power bill.' He has had past run-ins with



Stadio Olimpico management 40-meter free kick which Federico regarding stadium upkeep. It was Marchetti was anticipating would also a Lazio hosted affair. drop near the penalty spot. Instead, Fans wanted play to continue, as the goalkeeper was embarrassingly did the 22 protagonists. When it caught out. Lazio survived for a 3-2 did restart, Erik Lamela created win, celebrating under the Curva a piece of Roma history. His goal Nord with their hordes of partying may well have been ruled out for fans and club mascot Olimpia the a push but nonetheless, he scored eagle. Souring the win was the late for the sixth consecutive match, a dismissal of Mauri, who misses the new club record. trip to Juventus along with Senad As if to make Lazio's task harder, a deluge struck. The ball held up

in the water but it did not seem to

upset the Biancocelesti rhythm.

Antonio Candreva fired a 30 meter

rocket which stand-in goalkeeper

Mauro Goicoechea should have

prodded home. On the stroke of

half-time De Rossi punched Lazio

captain Stefano Mauri in the face as

After a defensive error the captain

finished with aplomb minutes into

the second half. Miralem Pjanic

made for a frantic finale with a

kept out. Miroslav Klose then

the pair tangled at a free kick.

While De Rossi took an early

shower, Mauri forged ahead.

"We played the game like our normal selves and tried to take advantage of the opponents weaknesses," said Coach Vladimir Petkovic. "Thankfully we got the important result after a good game. I'm sure all the fans were happy with our win."

De Rossi's red card cost him a place in Cesare Prandelli's squad for Wednesday's friendly against France. Fellow Roma striker Pablo Osvaldo missed out through injury, as Davide Santon earned a recall for the match in Parma. Fiorentina dismantled a flat Milan

Serie A

3-1. Vincenzo Montella had been

linked with the San Siro post after

fine opening. Ex-Milan midfielder

in but the Rossoneri were handed

Pato blasted the spot-kick over the

crossbar and Milan were made to

shortly before the break. Giam-

pay. Borja Valero increased the lead

paolo Pazzini reduced the deficit on

the hour against his old employer.

debut Serie A goal with a fine lob.

Inter lost their impressive run of

crashing 3-2 at Atalanta. German

Denis scored twice as the Bergamo

club stunned their illustrious neigh-

bours. The win confirms Atalanta's

fine start to the campaign, as even

with a two-point deduction they lie

Juventus roared back into form,

crushing Pescara 6-1. The Bian-

coneri were rampant, with Fabio

Quagliarella scoring a hat-trick -

including a magnificent overhead

ten consecutive away victories,

but Mounir El Hamdaoui scored his

a lifeline shortly after. Alexandre

Alberto Aquilani netted ten minutes

their poor start and Fiorentina's

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Juventus v Lazio Napoli v Milan Bologna v Palermo Catania v Chievo Fiorentina v Atalanta Inter v Cagliari Siena v Pescara Udinese v Parma Sampdoria v Genoa Roma v Torino

One To Watch This Weekend... The Derby della Lanterna has thrown up some memorable contests in recent seasons and with two teams desperately out of form, could

ing to build on their recent win.

it spell the end for the losing coach?

kick. The win restored Juve's four point lead at the top. Napoli awoke from a first-half slumber to topple Genoa 4-2. Twice behind, three goals in the final 12 minutes secured victory, with Edinson Cavani's goal making it six in his last three appearances.

Elsewhere, Torino won for just the second time this season, beating Bologna by a single goal. Palermo heaped more misery on Sampdoria as Chievo and Udinese played out an entertaining 2-2 draw. Their were goalless stalemates between Cagliari and Catania, plus Parma and Siena.

While Lazio have two suspensions for the trip to Juve, the hosts will be without Andrea Pirlo, who reached the yellow card limit. Quagliarella is expected to start as he looks to continue his scoring run, with Mirko Vucinic back from injury. Also on Saturday, Napoli hosts besieged Milan. Massimiliano Allegri's men will be eager for a boost ahead of the Champions League in midweek, while third-placed Napoli are look-

Serie A enjoys another Derby this weekend and after a one-year absence the Derby della Lanterna returns as Sampdoria faces Genoa. The two sides go into the match on the back of awful form, Samp have lost their past seven, while Genoa have lost five. This includes all four of Luigi Delneri's matches in charge. A group of Sampdoria ultras met with coach Ciro Ferrara and captain Daniele Gastaldello earlier in the week, with fans concerned about their slide. Milanese conquerors Fiorentina and Atalanta clash as Inter look to close the gap to Juve with a win over Cagliari. Torino are unbeaten away from home and travel to Rome to face Zeman's inconsistent

Palermo eased their struggles last week and Bologna will look to do the same when the pair clash, as Catania hosts Chievo. Siena will aim to heap more misery on Pescara, while Udinese lies a place and point behind weekend opponent Parma.

Giallorossi.

# Messi Beats Pele's Record, Now For Muller and The World Record!!



### By Pepe Lopez

In Barcelona's 4-2 win away to Real Mallorca on the weekend, Leo Messi scored twice to bring his goals scored in all competitions, and for all teams, including international matches in 2012 to a total of 76.

Messi's current tally is one more than the number of goals scored by Pele the the year of 1958, when the famous Brazilian footballer scored 75 goals in all competitions.

Leo Messi is now just 9 goals short of Gerd Muller's world record of 85 goals in one calendar year, which was achieved in 1972. The 1970 European Footballer of the Year, German striker Gerd Muller scored 68 goals in 62 international appearances for West Germany, 365 goals in

427 Bundesliga games for Bayern Munich and scored an international record of 66 goals in 74 European Club games.

Whilst Gerd Muller scored 4 goals at the 1972 European Championships held in Belgium, which contributed to his world record goal scoring year of 1972, Muller also scored 10 goals at the 1970 World



goal-scoring season record.

Cup, the most goals scored at the world's most prestigious sporting event since France's Just Fontaine scored 13 goals at the 1958 World Cup held in Sweden.

To break Gerd Muller's record, Leo Messi needs to score 10 goals before the end of this year, and ironically Messi has exactly 10 matches left to play in 2012; 6 Spanish La Liga matches, 2 UEFA Champions League matches and 2 International Friendlies with his country of birth, Argentina.

Messi's coach at Barcelona FC Tito Vilanova has nothing but praise for his star player, when quoted on Barcelona FC's web-site; "His goal tally is spectacular. It takes other great players seven or eight sea-

sons to score the amount of goals he scores in one season.'

1.29 goals per game

In comparison Portugal and Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo has a total of 59 goals scored in all competitions in 2012, and in third place, Colombia and Atletico Madrid's Radamel Falcao has a total of 42 goals scored. The news of Messi's goal scoring achievements for 2012, will be a timely reminder for all those coaches and players voting for the FIFA World Player of The Year award, to give Messi his third maior individual award in a row.

Ironically, in more important news to Leo Messi this month, is the birth of his son "Thiago Messi". Media pounced on news this week, that Leo Messi had asked fellow

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**SPAIN** La Liga

Argentine star player Sergio Ague-

ro to be the God Father of Thiago.

Likewise, Leo Messi was previously

chosen as the God Father of Sergio

So with Leo Messi heading for an

inevitable individual award, former

Barcelona coach Johan Cruyff pre-

dicts Barcelona FC will inevitably

win the Spanish La Liga title this

season; "Barcelona are on the right

track. Normally the biggest rival is

Madrid, who are eight points be-

hind, so there's a comfortable gap.

Barca have everything in their fa-

vour to win the league title, in the

sense that La Liga is Barcelona's to

Aguero's son Benjamin.

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5 Málaga	10	5	3	2	14	7	+7	18	LDWLW
6 Levante	10	5	2	3	12	14	-2	17	DWWWL
7 Sevilla	10	4	3	3	12	11	+1	15	DLWLL
8 Real Valladolid	10	4	2	4	15	11	+4	14	WDLDW
9 Valencia	10	4	2	4	13	12	+1	14	WLWLW
10 Getafe	10	4	1	5	12	16	-4	13	LWLWW
11 Rayo Vallecano	10	4	1	5	13	23	-10	13	WLLWL
12 Real Zaragoza	10	4	0	6	9	15	-6	12	LWWLL
13 Mallorca	10	3	2	5	10	15	-5	11	LLLLL
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15 Celta de Vigo	10	3	1	6	11	14	-3	10	LDLWL
16 Real Sociedad	10	3	1	6	10	15	-5	10	LDLLW
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18 Espanyol	10	2	3	5	12	15	-3	9	WDWDL
19 Granada	10	2	2	6	9	17	-8	8	LLLWW
20 Osasuna	10	1	2	7	8	15	-7	5	LLDLW

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One To Watch This Weekend... The derby in Seville will be hosted on Sunday this weekend, by Sevilla FC against local rivals Real Betis. Whilst, Sevilla FC are the stronger team financially, Real Betis are have impressed since being promoted back to La Liga last season and currently lie in 4th place on the La Liga standings compared to Sevilla FC







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1 Zadar	15	2	4	9	14	29	-15	10	WLLLL
2 Zagreb	15	2	3	10	8	28	-20	9	LLWDD

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### **English League One**

Tranmere Rovers v Milton Keynes Dons Hartlepool United v Coventry City Shrewsbury Town v Crewe Alexandra Portsmouth v Doncaster Rovers AFC Bournemouth v Oldham Athletic Preston North End v Brentford Colchester United v Bury Scunthorpe United v Notts County Crawley Town v Walsall Carlisle United v Levton Orient Swindon Town v Yeovil Town Sheffield United v Stevenage

### **English League Two**

Barnet v Accrington Stanley Fleetwood Town v Plymouth Argyle Rotherham United v Cheltenha Gillingham v Morecambe AFC Wimbledon v Aldershot Town Chesterfield v Oxford United Burton Albion v Dagenham & Red Rochdale v Bristol Rovers Torquay United v Southend United Port Vale v York City Bradford City v Exeter City Northampton Town v Wycombe Wanderers

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Aris v PAS Giannina Panionios v Platanias Olympiakos Piraeus v Kerkyra OFI v Levadiakos Veria v AEK Athens Panathinaikos v PAOK Asteras Tripolis v Atromitos

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2 Celtic	12	6	4	2	22	12	+10	22	DDLWW
3 Aberdeen	13	5	6	2	19	12	+7	21	WLWDW
4 Inverness CT	13	4	7	2	26	21	+5	19	DWDWW
5 St. Johnstone	13	5	4	4	16	17	-1	19	DLDWW
6 Kilmarnock	13	5	3	5	20	15	+5	18	WLWLL
7 Motherwell	13	4	5	4	17	18	-1	17	DLWLL
8 Dundee United	12	4	4	4	13	15	-2	16	LWDWD
9 Ross County	13	3	6	4	15	19	-4	15	LWDWL
10 Heart of Midlo	13	3	5	5	13	14	-1	14	DLDWL
11 St. Mirren	13	3	3	7	17	26	-9	12	LLLLL
12 Dundee	13	2	2	9	6	23	-17	8	DWLLL

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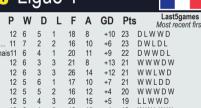
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8 Brentford	17	7	7	3	24	18	+6	28	WWDWL
9 Doncaster Rovers	16	8	3	5	20	15	+5	27	LLWWW
10 Preston North End	17	7	5	5	30	21	+9	26	WDDWL
11 Yeovil Town	17	8	1	8	27	24	+3	25	WLWWW
12 AFC Bournemouth	17	6	6	5	27	28	-1	24	WWWDW
13 Crewe Alexandra	17	6	5	6	19	23	-4	23	WWLWD
14 Colchester United	17	5	5	7	19	23	-4	20	LLDWW
15 Carlisle United	17	5	5	7	21	30	-9	20	LDLWL
16 Leyton Orient	17	6	1	10	13	20	-7	19	WLLLL
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	7 Burton Albion	17	7	5	5	25	22	+3	26	LWWDL
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3 Sporting Braga	9	5	2	2	20	12	+8	17	LWWDW
4 Paços de Ferreira	9	3	5	1	11	7	+4	14	WDWDL
5 Rio Ave	9	4	2	3	10	10	+0	14	LWWWD
6 Estoril	9	3	3	3	15	13	+2	12	WWLLD
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8 Vitória Guimarães	9	3	2	4	8	16	-8	11	LLWWL
9 Olhanense	9	2	4	3	13	14	-1	10	WDDDL
10 Sporting CP	9	2	4	3	7	9	-2	10	WLDLD
11 Gil Vicente	9	2	3	4	7	12	-5	9	LLLWW
12 Marítimo	9	2	3	4	5	14	-9	9	DLLWL
13 Académica	9	1	5	3	10	12	-2	8	LLDLW
14 Nacional	9	2	2	5	14	20	-6	8	WLLLW
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5 Atromitos	10	4	5	1	9	5	+4	17	WWDDD
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7 OFI	10	3	4	3	11	11	+0	13	WLDWD
8 Platanias	10	3	3	4	10	10	+0	12	LDLLW
9 PAS Giannina	10	3	3	4	8	8	+0	12	WLDWL
10 Kerkyra	10	2	5	3	6	10	-4	11	DDDWD
11 Aris	10	2	4	4	9	14	-5	10	LWDDL
12 Veria	10	2	3	5	6	12	-6	9	LLDLD
13 Xanthi	10	2	3	5	6	14	-8	9	LWDLL
14 Panthrakikos	10	3	0	7	8	15	-7	9	WLLLW
15 Levadiakos	10	2	3	5	5	11	-6	9	WLDDL
16 AFK Athens	10	1	2	7	4	13	-9	5	IIWID

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	12	6	5	1	18	8	+10	23	DLWWD
ue Mars	11	7	2	2	16	10	+6	23	DWLDL
ue Lyonnai	is11	6	4	1	20	11	+9	22	DWWDL
ienne	12	6	3	3	21	8	+13	21	WWWDW
ennes	12	6	3	3	26	14	+12	21	WWLWD
IX	12	5	6	1	17	10	+7	21	WWLDD
	12	5	5	2	16	12	+4	20	WWWDW
е	12	5	4	3	20	15	+5	19	LLWWD
	12	6	1	5	16	15	+1	19	WWLWW
	12	4	3	5	13	11	+2	15	LLDLW
	12	3	6	3	19	25	-6	15	LLDLD
)	12	4	4	4	14	17	-3	14	WLDDL
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ellier	12	3	4	5	17	17	+0	13	DDWLL
	12	2	7	3	17	19	-2	13	DWLDL
	12	4	1	7	11	18	-7	13	LWLLD

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**ENGLISH LEAGUE ONE** 

Oldham Athletic 0 - 1 Tranmere Rovers

Leyton Orient 2 - 1 Shrewsbury Town

Coventry City 1 - 2 Scunthorpe United

Crewe Alexandra 3 - 2 Colchester United

Milton Keynes Dons 1 - 0 Sheffield United

Doncaster Rovers 0 - 1 AFC Bournemouth

Stevenage 1 - 4 Preston North End

Yeovil Town 1 - 0 Hartlepool United

Brentford 2 - 1 Carlisle United

Notts County 1 - 1 Crawley Town

Walsall 0 - 2 Swindon Town

Bury 2 - 0 Portsmouth

**ENGLISH LEAGUE TWO** Accrington Stanley 2 - 4 Northampton Town Middlesbrough 3 - 1 Sheffield Wedn. Leicester City 2 - 2 Nottingham Forest Dagenham & Red... 5 - 0 Rotherham United Blackpool 2 - 2 Bolton Wanderers Southend United 0 - 0 Port Vale Plymouth Argyle 2 - 2 Gillingham Blackburn Rovers 1 - 1 Birmingham City Aldershot Town 0 - 2 Bradford City Ipswich Town 2 - 1 Burnley Cardiff City 2 - 1 Hull City Exeter City 2 - 2 Fleetwood Town Barnsley 0 - 1 Huddersfield Town York City 0 - 3 AFC Wimbledon Cheltenham Town 1 - 0 Burton Albion Peterborough U... 1 - 2 Crystal Palace Wolverhampton 3 - 3 Brighton & Hov Oxford United 0 - 0 Torquay United Leeds United 1 - 6 Watford Wycombe Wanderers 1 - 2 Rochdale Millwall 2 - 1 Derby County Bristol Rovers 3 - 2 Chesterfield Morecambe 4 - 1 Barnet Bristol City 0 - 2 Charlton Athletic

### CROATIA

Zagreb 0 - 1 Hajduk Split

### **FRANCE**

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Nancy 1 - 3 Rennes Lille 1 - 0 Brest Saint-Étienne 2 - 0 Troves Bastia 2 - 3 Valenciennes Reims 1 - 2 Evian TG Toulouse 2 - 4 Ajaccio Olympique Mars... 2 - 2 Nice Lorient 0 - 4 Bordeaux Sochaux 1 - 1 Olympiqu Montpellier 1 - 1 PSG

### **GERMANY**

Werder Bremen 2 - 1 Mainz 05 Mainz 05 2 - 1 Nürnberg Bayern München 2 - 0 Eintracht Fran... Schalke 04 2 - 1 Werder Bremen Freiburg 0 - 0 Hamburger SV Augsburg 1 - 3 Borussia Dortmund Fortuna Düsseldorf 1 - 1 Hoffenheim Wolfsburg 3 - 1 Bayer Leverkusen Stuttgart 2 - 4 Hannover 96 Greuther Fürth 2 - 4 Borussia M'gla.

### **GREECE**

OFI 2 - 0 Veria PAS Giannina 1 - 0 Xanth Levadiakos 2 - 1 Aris

### Atromitos 1 - 0 Panionios PAOK 2 - 0 Platanias Panthrakikos 1 - 0 Asteras Tripolis AEK Athens 0 - 4 Olympiakos Piraeus Kerkyra 0 - 0 Panathinaikos

### **HOLLAND**

NAC Breda 2 - 1 RKC Waalwijk NAC Breda 0 - 1 Groningen SRKC Waalwiik 4 - 0 Utrecht ADO Den Haag 2 - 2 AZ NEC 3 - 2 Heracles Vitesse 0 - 0 Twente Feyenoord 5 - 2 Roda JC PEC Zwolle 2 - 4 Ajax PSV 5 - 1 Heerenveen

### **PORTUGAL**

Académica 0 - 2 Estoril Vitória Setúbal 2 - 1 Sporting CP Gil Vicente 0 - 1 Paços de Ferreira Vitória Guimarães 1 - 3 Nacional Estoril 2 - 0 Moreirense Olhanense 1 - 0 Beira-Mar Porto 2 - 1 Académica Rio Ave 0 - 1 Benfica Sporting CP 1 - 0 Sporting Braga Marítimo 1 - 1 Vitória Setúbal

### **SCOTLAND**

Inverness CT 1 - 1 Heart of Midlo.. Kilmarnock 3 - 0 Ross County St. Mirren 1 - 4 Aberdeen Motherwell 1 - 1 Dundee Hibernian 2 - 1 Dundee United Celtic 1 - 1 St. Johnstone

### **SERBIA**

Haiduk Kula 1 - 1 BSK B Jagodina 0 - 1 Smederevo Sloboda Užice 0 - 0 Radnički Niš Vojvodina 1 - 0Novi Pazar Javor Ivanjica 1 - 0 Rad Beograd OFK Beograd 1 - 0 Crvena Zvezda Donji Srem 0 - 0 Spartak Subotica Partizan 2 - 0 Radnički 1923

### **TURKEY**

Sivasspor 1 - 0 Eskişehirspor Beşiktaş 3 - 3 Bursaspor Kasımpaşa 1 - 1 Antalyaspor Trabzonspor 3 - 1 Akhisar Beledi. Karabükspor 3 - 1 İstanbul BB Gaziantepspor 2 - 3 Gençlerbirliği Mersin İdmanyurdu 1 - 1 Galatasaray Elazığspor 0 - 4 Kayserispor Fenerbahçe 2 - 1 Orduspor

Osijek 1 - 1 Inter Zaprešic Zadar 1 - 0 Slaven Koprivnica Istra 1961 3 - 0 Cibalia Split 1 - 0 Dinamo Zagreb Lokomotiva 2 - 1 Rijeka

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